

Cordesville Community

Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2024

The meeting was opened in prayer by Chair Melanie Lott at 6 p.m.

Lechelle Brown of the Berkeley County Grants team gave her presentation as she had another appointment at 7 p.m. She introduced JB Borden as community liaison and Lisa Villeponteaux from Procurement. Ms. Brown asked those present what we considered our needs were. Brian Fry opened the discussion mentioning the need for land and a building. Other suggestions included an emergency shelter with necessary kitchen, need for water/waste for shelter usage; GED classes; senior programs; telehealth.

It was mentioned that the existing park had a ball field, playground equipment and a slab but needed a well and septic. The CBDG (Community development block grant) totaling \$199K for county usage. It is an option for the park. There is a mandatory workshop on Jan 16, 2025. from 5-7 pm. The process includes an application that must be submitted within the next 30 days. Applications will be vetted by the board, approved by County Council. Then must wait for Congress to pass the budget for July 1. Monies would be distributed maybe by September or October 2025. Brian Fry volunteered to help with paperwork. Ms. Villeponteaux stated that bills would be paid by a purchase order to the vendor with \$50 K projects requiring a formal bid and those of \$100K required public bid. It was mentioned that Dr. Evans Rd has water as does Hwy 402.

Old business

Minutes from the October 17th meeting were accepted following a motion by Frank McKnight with a second from JB Borden.

Betty Richardson presented the treasurers report explaining that DC represented a debit card purchase. The report was accepted on a motion by Frank McKnight and JB Borden seconded.

New business

1. Sgt. Jimmie Smith presented the Community Action Team report, He stated that there are cameras around the county that take pictures of license plates to help identify/ recover stolen vehicles. The county has a cooperative agreement with neighboring counties/communities to facilitate the IDing of vehicles reported stolen. He reported that the Cordesville community had one report of motor vehicle theft and one report of grand theft. He cautioned that with the holiday

shopping season, it is important to stay alert and don't set yourself up to be a victim.

2. Making it REAL—Pam Gaskins stated that it was needful to separate the meal ministry from the community to stand alone. The reason being that grants come with specific requirements/limitations that can adversely affect the meal ministry and its focus on meeting physical, spiritual and social needs. The meal program will continue and is serving 103-107 meals/week.
3. The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers:
 - a. President—Melanie Lott
 - b. Vice President—LaTarsha Taylor
 - c. Secretary—Anne Turner
 - d. 1 year board member—Frank McKnight
 - e. Nominations from the floor were as follows:
 - i. 3 year board member—Brian Fry
 - ii. 2 year board member—Tracey Manuel
 - iii. Treasurer—Lisa Villeponteaux
4. Tarsha entertained a motion to accept the slate by acclamation. Linda presented the motion to accept the slate as presented. Beverly Villeponteaux read the election report.
5. JB Borden expressed on behalf of the community kudos and thanks to Pam and Betty for their service to the Community Citizens group.

The motion to adjourn was made by JB Borden with a second by Jim Legendre. The meeting closed at 7:20 p.m. with prayer by Jim Legendre.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Turner, Secy.