

# Cordesville Community Citizen's Monthly Meeting

**Location:** Cordesville First Baptist Church  
**Date:** 5/18/23  
**Time:** 6:30 PM  
**Facilitator:** Melanie Lott

Attendees: Gene Brenner, Audrey Brenner, Maxine Nobles, Pam Gaskins, Charles Lott JB Borden, Pam Nobles, Beverly Villeponteaux, CJ Lott, Cynthia Gibbs, Jimmy Smith, Lisa Kerns, Latarsha Taylor, Melanie Lott, Reinhardt Grab, and Nicola Grab.

1. Call to Order- Melanie Lott called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
2. Opening Prayer- Gene Brenner opened the meeting in prayer.
3. Previous meeting minutes were approved as published with no discussion.
4. Reviewed the status of action items. Discussed the fundraiser which was upcoming at the CFB. It would include a bake sale, yard sale and later an ice cream sundae social with an auction. Tickets were being sold for the latter; Had 2 graduates from the GED program; Lastly be able to recognize community graduates.
5. Treasurer's Report- Tarsha Taylor presented the Treasurer's report. The invoice for \$470.49 was paid for the website ending with a current balance of \$5230.92. The report was accepted as presented with no discussion.
6. Sgt J. Smith (BCSD), Cordesville's Community Action Team officer, gave the report of the criminal activity in the area: 2 Burglaries, 1 theft and 1 fraud. Sgt Smith also made the group aware of a scam in the area- Someone is calling people in the community claiming that the person on the phone is Sgt Smith and that the people contacted have a warrant against them. This is false. Please report these calls to SGT Smith. He provided handouts on drug abuse, elder abuse, and fraud.
7. Lisa Kerns (BCSD) is the New Communities Outreach Coordinator. She spoke about when events are happening reach out to her and she can get things posted for others to see. Her cards were handed out.
8. JB Borden also handed out pamphlets and spoke about hurricane preparedness.
9. Discussed by-laws and presented a draft of revisions. Need to explain the CCC's mission and to explain we are a non-profit organization; change By-laws to state that the voting of new officers is what happen in October 2024. Brought into new business about changing the Bylaw Membership to the CCC to include people who own land in Cordesville and to include those who worship in a Cordesville church. Only residents may serve on the board.

10. Pam Gaskins spoke to the group about Real meals. Making it REAL is community outreach to feed those in need both physically and spiritually. Pam applied AND received a \$2000.00 hunger grant to buy food to get the real meals going; Concluded that Mr. Melvin Johnson has been a God send with getting the community garden up and going. Also discussed fundraising efforts, Christian music festival fundraiser, etc.
11. 5th Sunday in July will be a community praise session from 6-8pm at Cordesville First Baptist. All are welcome.
12. Ms. Cynthia Gibbs came and spoke to the group about a project that is going on to preserve Taveau Church. It has much history to Cordesville as Mepkin Abbey and other older properties. Ms. Gibbs has a group that is seeking to restore and preserve the 175 years of African American worship history.
13. - Dismissed in prayer at 7:35 pm.

Action items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
Research and establish the account at a bank that does not charge service charges due to inactivity	Melanie Lott & Tarsha Taylor	5/15/23	Complete
Open a P.O. Box since mail is no longer coming to the Cordesville Fire Station	Melanie Lott	5/15/23	Complete
Confirm with Mr. Herbie Lloyd about being a board member	Robyne Johnson	5/15/23	Complete
Schedule a board meeting	Robyne Johnson	5/15/23	Complete
Distribute annual report from Sheriff's Office	Melanie Lott	5/15/23	Complete
Research and respond to Ms. Betty Joanini about ditch near her house off Alligator.	Robyne Johnson	5/15/23	In Progress
Create a Website for the Community	Melanie Lott	5/15/23	In-Progress. It is published but needs development

14. Closed in Prayer