

Cordesville Community Citizen's Monthly Meeting

Location: Cordesville First Baptist Church

Date: 6/15/23

Time: 6:00 PM

Facilitator: Robyne Armstead-Johnson

Attendees: Melanie Lott, Charles Lott, Maxine Nobles, Pam Nobles, Prince Dixon, Scott Litchfield, Elizabeth Litchfield, Pam Gaskins, Anne Turner, Betty Richardson, Melvin Johnson, Ann Johnson, Rosetta Wilson, Lynn York, Theresa York, Tim York, Beverly Villeponteaux, Benjamin Smalls, Lisa Smalls, Deloris Harleston, Jerald Borden, and John Villeponteaux.

1. Call to Order- Robyne Armstead-Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.
2. Opening Prayer- Betty Richardson opened the meeting in prayer.
3. Sgt Smith reported the crimes that took place in Cordesville. Presented copies of the noise ordinance. There was no discussion.
4. Covered action item list-
 - Cordesvillesc.org is up and running. Meeting minutes are posted there.
 - Joanini ditch research- in progress.
 - Parade and route is being cleaned up.
 - Tax form has been filed, but we still need filing information records
 - Need to identify graduates and community servants for recognition.
5. Agenda was accepted and a motion was made and seconded to proceed.
6. Previous meeting minutes were approved as published with no discussion.
7. Bylaws were presented and a motion was made to approve and was seconded.
8. Treasurer's Report- Melanie Lott presented the Treasurer's report. Two invoices were paid and the current balance of \$4992.50. The report was accepted as presented with no discussion.
9. JB distributed hurricane preparedness guides and that Macedonia Middle School would be the shelter in our area.

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. A Community yard sale on Saturday May 20 during the day and an ice cream social followed up with an auction; Concluded that Mr. Melvin Johnson has been a God send with getting the community garden up and going.
11. Staffing for the REAL meals is as follows. Need at least 4 people to work the kitchen and 6 people deliver the meals (3 teams of 2). Ultimately it would be ideal to have at least 4 teams to rotate through the Friday meals and delivery. Please pray and offer help with labor. Asking the churches about donating can goods like the "stock the Pantry drive." We are working on publishing a menu.
12. Jerrode Johnson asked about the churches in the community funding like \$100 per month for the food. Melanie responded that we would accept whatever donations the churches saw fit, but we would not require a certain amount per month. She also noted the "Donate" button on the cordesville.org to be able to give or it could be mailed to P.O. Box 805, Moncks Corner, SC 29461. JB noted that monies from the revival and a donation from the Pastor's Association fund.
13. Recognized Lisa of our Cordesville, SC postmaster.
14. Mr. Steve Davis was the speaker. States he is a straight shooter with what he said. He talked about himself and that he believes in service. Church, family, community, etc. talked about the essence of life is to care. The opportunity of life is to serve. Gave the analogy of garden of planting and Daniel going on a diet. Mr. Davis is prepared to listen in our endeavor to fulfill our mission statement. Prepared to do what it takes to make this community become what we are striving to become. He wants to make a difference in this community. He believes we need recreational opportunities. Too much Google and get our young people involved in activities. Wants to see senior citizens to have a place to thrive. Has given large sums of money to get help the local communities. (Community Block Grant). We can have a grant to move forward. Most of the revenue for the county comes from people misbehaving (speeding, DUI, etc) He likes to be involved in positivity Psalms 23 my cup runneth over.
15. Community goals: short term -some churches have a food pantry. Got computers from BCO, google. GED 2 grads. Ms Lisa to help out with teaching. Have had digital classes. Intermediate goals. Working with Telehealth visits. We are working with Berkeley County Chamber of Commerce to trying to set up with here at CFB. Melanie Lott explained that we do not have land and therefore do not qualify for the block grant Mr. Davis referenced. We need to find land then get a community center through a block grant? Possible if we could get county land? Want to build a gym, telehealth, commercial kitchen, etc.

16. President Robyne Armstead-Johnson covered upcoming events and noted for citizens to go to the website for calendar of events. Revival at International House of Prayer.
17. Cordesville Churches Association had merged under Cordesville Community Center umbrella. It is still a committee under the same organization.
18. Pam Nobles brought up food truck coming to community Mexican food.
19. Mr. Steve Davis wished the fathers a Happy Father's Day to all the fathers (and mom who act to dad's).
20. John Villeponteaux clarified that Berkeley County Water and Sanitation has property on the corner of St. Michaels place that is designated as a storm staging area. Mr. Davis committed to checking into it for us.
21. Robyne Armstead-Johnson dismissed in prayer at 7:00pm.

Action items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
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
Confirm Grand Marshall of the Christmas Parade in December.	Robyne Armstead-Johnson	6/30/23	In Progress
Clean-up around community sign	Frank McKnight	6/30/23	In Progress
Get sign/banner options for community garden	Melanie Lott/ Pam Gaskins	5/30/23	In Progress
File Tax Forms & provide information on the process and log in information	Patsy VanAllen	File 5/15, Info By 6/30	Filed
Request List of Graduates to be recognized in June	Melanie Lott	5/30/23	No Response on Webpage
Contact and recognize graduates		7/31/23	
Contact and recognize community servants		7/31/23	