



Cordesville Community

Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chair, Melanie Lott. Betty Richardson opened the meeting with prayer.

Old Business:

1. Melanie reviewed the minutes. Motion to accept them as presented was made by Frank McKnight with a second by Leola Johnson. Motion passed.
2. Tarsha presented the treasurer's report for 1/19-2/15 transferring the treasurer's role to Betty Richardson. There were no questions, and the report was accepted as presented.
3. The CCC tax-log in information and documentation have been completed and reviewed.
4. It was reported that the questions from the January meeting have been emailed to Alison Simmons and Danny Thrower.
5. Two more wheelchair ramps were built by Hope Repairs. We thank them for their work, and support.

New Business:

1. Sgt. Smith reported that there were no problems within the community involving the Sheriff's Department. A new offering from the Sheriff's Dept. is the formation of "Law Enforcement Aid" to assist on nonviolent calls, such as disabled vehicles, flat tires, etc. They can be reached at 843-925-3462.
2. It was suggested that we work as a community to address needs within the community. One suggestion was a fence around the garden; however, Mr. Melvin said that he didn't think it was necessary so that idea was dropped. Another suggestion was to help churches with projects, such as painting, continuing to work with Hope Repairs. The second Saturday in March (3/9/24) we will meet at 8:00 am at Cordesville Baptist then proceed to International House of Prayer and plan on helping paint the eaves. The workday is scheduled from 8-12.
3. The communication committee still needs to be formed.
4. The education committee reported the GED classes are generally on Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. One concern is that some of the students don't have reliable transportation to get to the testing sites in Hanahan and Summerville. A request was made for volunteers to assist in providing rides. Another suggestion was that the community seek funds to utilize UBER if needed.
5. Pam Gaskins reported that Making it REAL will be the beneficiary of a fundraising music service on Feb. 17, 2024 at 6 p.m. at the Cordesville Pentecostal Holiness Church on Hwy 402. A love offering will be taken with the funds raised to be used for the purchase of commercial pots/pans to better serve Friday meals since we are now feeding 80+. It was suggested that a wish list of desired items would

spark interest. Pam stated that a volunteer with years of commercial cooking experience is developing the list of needed items. Another suggestion was that items be ordered off Amazon, but, the need for commercial quality is paramount and could not be guaranteed from Amazon's third party vendors. It was agreed that this is best left in the hands of our experienced, capable volunteer.

6. Community Citizens reported that we have helped community families with food, sheetrock for insulation and materials to provide hot water. Another family who has been helped with food and utilities was referred to other available resources.
7. JB Borden made a motion that REAL meals funds be transferred to Cordesville Baptist so all funds for the meal program are in one pot. Frank McKnight seconded the motion. Motion passed.
8. JB Borden made the motion that land money be transferred to an interest-bearing account. Mother Gibbs seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The guest speakers were Gerald Baxley and Brandy Rogulski on behalf of Veterans Benefits. They reminded us that the office is located near the Water Dept. on Hwy 52. They have information and help with applying for various VA benefits including but not limited to disability, pension questions, education, and burial. Questions were asked and answered. Such as knee issues could increase disability benefits even if repeated surgery was not done; medication/medical concerns would be referred to VA med outreach who would come to the veteran; retirement paperwork needs to be done at 59 ½ at the reserve service member office.

The community revival will be 3/21.22 at 7 p.m. at Truth Tabernacle off Old Church Rd. Dale Mitchum of Cordesville Pentecostal Church will preach on Thursday evening while Tory Liferidge will preach on Friday evening. Various church choirs will be singing/providing music. It was suggested that 5 churches participate each night in a community choir.

The Community meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Turner, Secretary

In attendance were: Michael Quigley, Betty Richardson, Charles Lott, Melanie Lott, Pam Gaskins, Frank McKnight, Deloris Harleston, Leola Johnson, Oscar Johnson, Anne Turner, Jerry Baxley (Berk. Co. VA), Brandy Rogulski (Berk. Co. VA), Melvin Johnson, Tarsha Taylor, Dionne Shaheed, Jerald Borden, Anna Gibbs