

Cordesville Community Citizens

July 18, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Chair Melanie Lott who asked Betty Richardson to open in prayer.

Old Business

There were not minutes to review as the secretary was out of town and complete notes were not taken.

In the absence of Tarsha Taylor, Betty Richardson presented the treasurers report which was accepted by acclamation. (report attached)

New Business

Communication Action Team was represented by Capt. Mixon. He praised the Cordesville Community for the lack of major calls to the area. Incidents/calls were primarily traffic issues, nuisance calls and there were no burglaries and 5 domestic calls. He stated that Live PD was taking the summer break as most of the calls involve juveniles who are not shown/identified on TV. The County is working with the Sheriff's Department on a new boat landing ordinance. There are 5-6 Sheriff's boats on the water every weekend. There were 1000 people at the Russellville landing last weekend. The detention center is hiring several open positions—offering good pay/benefits and the application age is now 18.

Committee updates

1. Cordesville Cares did not do a project last weekend as it was too hot. It was mentioned that the Richmond family needs a small ramp to facilitate getting in/out of their home. Also, it was suggested that help mowing of the park would be appreciated.
2. The education committee reported 2 students have one course left at the end of June. They won't lose their credits but will need to pay a new fee for the upcoming school year. One student is 2 courses short. The students must pay \$50 up front but are given a \$500 reward on completion of their GED.
3. REAL meals has completed one year of ministry/service. We are now serving 100 meals/week. God is providing a new grocery partner with one pickup/week.
4. Garden is growing well. Picking by community members is welcome, but please be careful not to step on plants in the process.
5. Regarding the request for land/funds—Corey Liferidge assisted in the application process which was submitted to Steve Davis. There has been a potential offer of

a lease but a building plan, and construction costs must be provided first. Both of which are quite expensive.

6. A fundraiser was mentioned with a broad outline given but further information will be presented by Tarsha Taylor. The fundraiser will be to determine the Cordesville Royal Four for 2025. The adult winners will be Grand Marshals in the Christmas Parade and the Prince/Princess will also be featured in the parade. Funds raised will be for the future community center.
7. **Round table**—as there was no guest speaker, community opinions and concerns were requested, particularly as to the community center. Does the community feel it will be a benefit? Potential usage could be meeting, educational resources, possible telehealth availability, commercial kitchen, gym, storm shelter, senior center.

The next meeting will be August 15, 2025 at Emmanuel AME on Dr. Evans Rd. at 6 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. in prayer be Melanie Lott

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Turner, Secretary

Attendance:

Perry and Pam Gaskins, Deloris Harleston, Ceda S?, Melinda Alston-Manuel, Frank McKnight, Brian and Ruth Fry, Cynthia Myers, Betty Haynes-Richardson, Charlie and Melanie Lott, Anne Turner, Beverly Villeponteaux