

**March 28, 2024**

The monthly meeting of Cordesville Community Citizens was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by chair Melanie Lott who opened in prayer.

### Old Business

1. Frank McKnight and a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Leola Johnson after Sgt. Smith corrected the phone number for the Public Safety Task Force to 843-719-4505.
2. The treasurer's report was presented by Tarsha Taylor and approved following a motion by Frank McKnight and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frances Wright. Melanie reported that we had qualified for a matching grant from Cooper River Forum of \$1000. Lisa Jones concurred as the Forum representative.
3. Melanie presented an update on the most recent Land Use meeting held on Monday, 3/25. She stated that the developer wasn't present and had pulled their request for a zone change. Thus, the original plan for development stands without the 650' buffer/set back from Hwy 402. She also reported that the homes would have engineered septic systems and would costs would start at \$400k. With the average household income in Cordesville at \$55K, these will not be generally affordable for community citizens but may result in a tax increase for homeowners. She also stated that few questions submitted in January had been addressed with the rationale given that the necessary departments did not have the time to answer them. She said that Steve Davis, our county councilman, had assured her he would be present at this meeting.

### New Business

1. Sgt Smith introduced Capt. Mixon as the new captain for the district from Oakley Road to County Line. Capt. Mixon stated that his office was in Alvin, but he spent much of the time traveling his area. He reported that in Jan-Feb, in the Macedonia, Cordesville, 402 area, there were 111 calls. When questioned that seemed a lot of calls, he responded that for the size of the area, there weren't many especially when compared to the southern part of the county. He explained that the non-emergency community program would deal with issues such as eviction, trespass, golf cart/4-wheeler complaints while freeing other deputies for more serious and urgent calls. He is implementing "Roadside Roll Calls" where tents will be set up in various areas inviting the local community citizens to come interact with law enforcement in a positive manner. (Melanie invited them to be present at our fundraiser on April 28<sup>th</sup>). We were assured that Sgt. Smith was still assigned to the Cordesville community. Sgt. Smith also reported that there were

no service calls this past month. Capt. Mixon applauded the community for it's involvement and the resultant low call volume for major issues.

## 2. Committee reports

- a. Cordesville Cares scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday for community service on 4/13 will work on painting the sign and weed eating to beautify the entrance to the community located at 402/Dr. Evans Rd. The project with International House of Prayer is on hold as they want to complete some tasks before being ready for us to paint. It was suggested that we check with Santee Cooper and BEC about a light to improve visibility at night.
- b. Melanie reported for the education committee that one student; passed her English GED and is readying for the Social Studies. Another failed English by 2 points and is preparing to retake and move forward.
- c. REAL meals reported a love offering of \$1000+ from the singing last month at the Pentecostal Holiness Church along with a \$5000 donation that came in afterwards. She also stated that we are providing 85+ meals/week. Food Lion's partnership has donated the meat and bakery/deli goods that have benefited REAL meals, Restoration Journey food pantry, and CLM. As a community, we need to consider supporting Food Lion, as least on occasion if that is not our go-to grocery store.
- d. Frank presented the information on the 4/27 BBQ community fundraiser. Tickets are available for sale. The cost is \$10/lunch which includes a sandwich, slaw, chips and a drink. Homemade cookies and cakes will be available for purchase. The meat has been donated and the slaw will be provided by Esther Cribb (Music Man BBQ). Donations were requested for hamburger buns, chips, and drinks for the funds to purchase those items.
- e. Donna Lynes on behalf of Keep Berkeley Beautiful described the purpose of the organization as beautification, litter control and recycling as a part of Keep America Beautiful. A litter pick up along Dr. Evans Rd is scheduled for Saturday, Mar.30 meeting at Wadboo boat landing at 8:30 a.m. Bags, grabbers, and gloves will be available. Lunch will be served at 11:30. She stated that she was unaware of community service plans and that we'd work together on future projects. She also stated that if people wanted to pick up along other area roads, that was beneficial.

## 3. Calendar

- a. Sat. 4/13 Cordesville Cares
- b. Thurs. 4/18 Monthly Community meeting 6-7 p.m. Cordesville Baptist Church
- c. Sat. 4/27 BBQ fundraiser \$10/meal, 11a.m.-2p.m. Cordesville Baptist

## 4. Questions:

- a. Mr. Quigley asked if the EPA had been contacted about the septic tank concerns with the new development.
- b. A concern was raised about erratic mail delivery and package delivery with response so far being a litany of excuses.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. by Melanie Lott with note taken of the conspicuous absence of County Councilman Steve Davis who'd assured us on Monday that he would be attending.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Turner, Secretary

In attendance:

Tim McKnight, Linda McKnight, Frank McKnight, Angie Perry, Amanda Perry, Donna Lynes (Keep Berkeley Beautiful), Janette White, Gail Pride, Leola Johnson, Brian Fry, Michal Quigley, Perry Gaskins, Pam Gaskins, Betty Haynes-Richardson, Melissa Johnson, Tracey & Melinda Manuel, Sheila Pinckney, Hellen Rivers, Tarsha Taylor, Saleem Shaheed, Dionne Shaheed, Frances Wright, Beverly Villeponteaux, Melanie & Charlie Lott, Lo Harleston, Lisa Jones (Cooper River Forum), Jim & Johnna Legendre