

## **Cordesville Community Meeting**

### **Minutes July 17, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chair Melanie Lott who opened in prayer and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Old Business

The financial reports for May and June were presented as printed. The reports were accepted following a motion by Frank McKnight with Maxine Nobles seconding.

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#### New Business

1. Community Action Team—Cpl. Phillips reported that currently BCSD is fully staffed. He also stated that there is an emphasis on enforcement of golf cart rules; that a new substation is going to be in Bonneau to improve response time; that DNR is working with BCSD for enforcement; a new list has come out for the resurfacing of roads but he had no particulars on those to be addressed in Cordesville as it was just released and is 6 pages long; the new law for hands free cell usage is going into effect later this year and will be enforced—so a word of warning; and they've been focusing on traffic issues on Hwy 41 and Hwy 402. He shared that the radar sign w/camera identified a car stolen from TN was identified and located in Berkeley County.
2. Melanie reported that we plan to do work at the fire department as they are sharing facilities with us to include weed eating the ditches, installing a flag pole, flag with light so it won't have to be raised and lowered daily—these have already been purchased. We have letters for the sign so we can better publicize meetings and events. We've also purchased a tent to provide shade at events or with the food trailer and a folding sign. There was a need to provide one night's hotel stay for a homeless community member who is employed but was awaiting his paycheck.
3. Community Center--\$50,000 has been earmarked for appliances—hopefully for a commercial kitchen but no details were available—there are no further details on the delivery and construction of the building.
4. Cordesville Cares—we fixed the porch, shingles and screen door for a community member who'd requested assistance. Ms. Willie Mae's roof issues will be addressed this week, weather permitting. We've been made aware of a bathroom need and will investigate.
5. Education—We have GED test vouchers available through Trident Literacy at no cost to the student. Placement tests are the last of July—please spread the word.

Grace Community has grants available for professional and technical certificates for those seeking to upgrade job skills/situations.

6. Ms. Jackie Dawson expressed concern about the condition of Jelly Roll and Hard Pinch Rds. Citing both the speed limit on Hard Pinch and the pot holes on Jelly Roll.
7. Fundraiser—the next fundraiser will be a BBQ sandwich sale in October.
8. Grants—no report at this time.
9. Pastor Association—concern was expressed on how to better involve local pastors as several don't live in the area and although we tried a Saturday morning meeting, with numerous attempts reach out to them, the response was minimal.
10. The Community revival was rescheduled to September 4-5 at the International House of Prayer. There will be dinner on the 5<sup>th</sup> prior to the service. One of the preachers will be Pastor Kendrick Johnson of IHOP. Checking with Pastor Simmons of Jehovah Jirah.
11. Upcoming events—see those listed on meeting agenda
12. Frank suggested from the floor to invite neighbors to community meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm following a motion from Frank McKnight and a second from Tracy Manuel. Melanie closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Turner, Secretary

Members present: Melinda Alsop-Manuel, Tracey Manuel, Frank McKnight, Deloris Harleston, Lindsey Phillips, Sheila Pinckney, Hellen Rivers, Kim Smith, Maxine Nobles, Tarsha Taylor, Oscar Johnson, Jackie Dawson, Charlie Lott