



Stratford C.A.R.E Committee

Minutes June 4th, 2014

6:15pm

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In attendance: Donald Goodson, Ann Stockman, Gloria Mengual of Everyday Democracy, Terry Masters, John Fahan, TaShun Bowden-Lewis, William Boyd, Wade Pereira, Lucretia Duwel, Gale Shapiro, Ann Stockman, Marilyn Gardner, Olga Pena, Stephanie Philips.

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Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Approval of Agenda: Ann Stockman, Second-Olga Pena.

Approval of Minutes: Lucretia Duwel. Second- Terry Masters.

Treasurer's Report: Olga Pena said there is \$1,320 in the account. A motion was made by TaShun Bowden Lewis, and Second by John Fahan to allocate \$300.00 to buy several CARE T-Shirts to hand out to current and new members. Motion approved unanimously,

Old Business:

Special Communication Subcommittee for Promoting CARE: Terry Masters gave a report on the subcommittee. She stated that we need to have consistency in the content of our material and the manner in which we communicate to the public at large. We need to make sure individuals know how to contact us.

A discussion took place regarding the phone number and email address we would utilize for CARE. Olga Pena motioned and TaShun Bowden-Lewis seconded to use the current community services phone number and a stratfordcare.org domain name for our brochure and other material. Motion approved unanimously.

Education Committee Report: Olga Pena and Councilwoman Stephanie Philips addressed the issue of racial balancing in the schools. Councilwoman Philips stated that she spoke to the Superintendent of Schools and was told it is not the intention of the schools system to go back to “neighborhood schools.” Chairman Donald Goodson said he may want to invite members of the Board of Ed to our committee to discuss what exactly the plan is as Councilwoman Philips said as many as 60 students still may be redistricted.

Report of Study Circles I, II, and III. To recap sessions I through IV addressed Making Connections, Our Ethnic Backgrounds, Our Unequal Nation, and Why do Inequalities Exist?

New Business:

Session V was a Community Report Card covering several different categories: Education, Employment, Criminal Justice, and Leadership in the Stratford Community.

Next Study Circle Meeting: Due to a scheduling conflict that Gloria Mengual has the Study Circle Meeting for June 18th has been canceled. A rescheduled date is yet to be determined.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn 8:44pm TaShun Bowden-Lewis. Second-John Fahan.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Fahan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a small arrow pointing to the start of the first letter.