



Stratford C.A.R.E Committee

Minutes September 3, 2014

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In attendance:

Donald Goodson, Olga Pena, John Fahan, Ann Stockman, William Boyd, Stephanie Philips.

Meeting called to order at 7:20 PM

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda – Olga Pena. Second – William Boyd.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes – William Boyd. Second – Ann Stockman with amendments to the effect that we purchased 50 not 30 shirts and that the Cultural Competency Committee Meeting was actually held on August 10th at 10am not August 14th as originally stated.

Treasurer's Report:

Olga Pena reported a beginning balance of 962.64. \$40.00 was allocated for the Hispanic Heritage Booth.

Special Announcements:

Donald Goodson stated that Lynnette Baroni offered her expressions of thanks those who have been wishing her well.

Tammy Trojanowski spoke to C.A.R.E. about the *Color of Justice Forum* to be held at St. Joseph's of Stratford @ 1300 Stratford Road on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 6:00 to 8:30P.M. Tammy addressed the Juvenile Review Board that is available to first time offenders of minor crimes or misdemeanors. The board is comprised of a member of community services, the police department, juvenile court, and the school administration.

A motion was made by Ann Stockman and seconded by Olga Pena to co-sponsor the forum and have the C.A.R.E. logo appear on the program flyer. All present were in favor.

The next ***Cultural Competency Meeting*** will be much larger and will be held at the mental health center in Bridgeport on September 8th at 10am. Donald Goodson and Wade Pereira plan to attend.

Officers Nominations: There will be elections for officers at our October meeting. Under Art. V, Sec. 2 of our bylaws it states the 3 elected officers are the ***Chairperson, Co-Chairperson & Treasurer***. Under Art. VI, Sec. 4 of our bylaws it states the ***recording secretary*** is a non-elected position. Donald Goodson, Olga Pena, and John Fahan are interested in retaining their respective positions. It is suggested that anyone interested in placing their name for consideration do so by initially contact Donald Goodson of their intentions.

Study Circles/Action Item Report/Short & Long Term Goals: Gloria Mengual was not able to attend the meeting. We will allocate at least an hour or more to her at our next meeting.

New Business:

The Latin Music Festival is on September 14th from 12-5 at Paradise Green. The public will receive palm cards and pens. Individuals from inside and outside of Stratford will be invited to attend our meetings to see what we are all about.

Donald Goodson stated that he wrote a letter to BOE Chair Andrea Veilleux thanking her and the BOE for listening to the concerns from the ***Special CARE Sub-Committee*** appointed to the BOE transportation Study. He stated that he had asked the Board that any future decisions that affect the school district's racial balancing (Pathway) plan to be conducted with transparency and community input.

Donald Goodson said the long range facility planning committee of the BOE is an important committee that CARE members would want to consider sitting on in the near future.

Olga Pena and Stephanie Philips will work on writing ***a press release*** stating the goals and mission of CARE.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn 8:52pm by Ann Stockman. Second William Boyd.

Respectfully submitted,

John Fahan

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