



Stratford C.A.R.E Committee

Minutes October 1, 2014

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In attendance:

TaShun Bowden-Lewis, Donald Goodson, Olga Pena, John Fahan, Ann Stockman, Terry Masters, with Gloria Mengual from Everyday Democracy, Police Chief Patrick Ridenhour, Deputy Police Chief Joseph McNeil, Sybil Friedman, Lucretia Duwel, Stephanie Philips.

Meeting called to order at 6:55 PM

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda – Terry Masters. Second – Ann Stockman.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes – Terry Masters-Lewis. Second – Ann Stockman.

Treasurer's Report: Chairman Goodson gave the report. There was an operating balance of \$962.64. There were expenses of \$76.00 for business cards with \$21.45 shipping costs for a total of \$97.45. In addition, the palm cards were \$216.00. Therefore, we have an operating budget of \$649.19.

Old Business: Ann Stockman purchased a Fruit Floral Arrangement for Lynnette Baroni on behalf of all of the CARE Committee. Donald stated the Committee would be happy to reimburse Ann for the expense.

Latin Music Festival: Donald Goodson thanked all the members who participated in the Latin Music Festival.

Color of Justice: On Tuesday, October 21, 2014 is a Community Conversation entitled "*The Color Of Justice*" at St. Joseph's of Stratford 1300 Stratford Rd. from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. The program is geared toward justice for our youth. There will be a power point presentation and a discussion afterwards.

Cultural Competency Committee Hispanic Events: On October 6th and 15th Donald Goodson plans to attend these meetings. He can pick up anyone who would like to ride with him. The meetings are held in Bridgeport.

Election of Officers: Donald Goodson and Olga Pena were unanimously re-elected as Chairman and Treasurer respectively. After the vote John Fahan was reappointed by Donald Goodson as Recording Secretary. There will not be a Co-Chair at this time.

New Business:

Study Circles: Gloria Mengual will have a conference call with Lucretia Duwel about moving forward with the study circles in the schools.

Action Item Report/Planned Outcomes: Gloria Mengual did a sorting exercise on our CARE Action Items. We reviewed Outreach & Communications, Increased Visibility, and Racial Balancing in the School System.

Pumpkin Festival: Stephanie Philips stated there will be a Pumpkin Festival at Booth Park on Sat Oct 18 from 1-5 PM. CARE should let her know a week before if we plan to attend so we may have a table set up.

Citizens Police Academy: Chief Ridenhour said 5only Citizens signed up for the program but he decided to move forward with them anyway as it is such a great program. PAL Boxing is continuing. Also, Chief Ridenhour has been appointed to the *State Commission on Racial & Ethnic Disparities in the Criminal Justice System*.

Letter to the Mayor: Donald Goodson will be forwarding a letter to Mayor Harkins thanking him for his past support and faith in CARE and the tangible results that support has enabled.

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn by Ann Stockman. Second- Terry Masters.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Fahan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John Fahan

