



**Stratford C.A.R.E Committee**

**Minutes December 3, 2014**

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**In attendance:**

Donald Goodson, Olga Pena, John Fahan, William Boyd, Terry Masters, Patrick Ridenhour, Joyce Minter, Terry Simmons, Yan Seary, Lucretia Duwel, Terry Masters, Sylvia Martin, Karen Edwards, Wade Peieira, TaShun Bowden-Lewis, Patrick Ridenhour, Frank Parady.

Meeting called to order at 7:12 PM

**Approval of Agenda:** TaShun Bowden-Lewis, Second- William Boyd.

**Approval of Minutes:** Donald Goodson noted a correction in the minutes. He stated Sylvia Martin was not able to attend the Cultural Competency meeting and wanted the minutes to reflect that correction. William Boyd made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction. There was a second by TaShun Boden-Lewis. All present voted yes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Olga Pena reported there were no expenditures made for last month. Lucretia Duwel motioned to accept the report, William Boyd seconded. All were in favor.

**Police Community Relations Report/Chief Ridenhour:** After brief introductions with new C.A.R.E. members the Chief felt it was important to speak to us in light of recent events in Ferguson and in New York City. John Fahan asked Chief Ridenhour to reserve some time to speak to us at a future meeting to walk us through the Town of Stratford Police Department's hiring practices for incoming police officers. William Boyd asked also for the Chief to speak to us about policy regarding disciplinary actions and firing practices and procedures of police officers. Chief Ridenhour is willing to have a group from the community that would include C.A.R.E. members to meet with new police officers coming into the force. Donald Goodson asked Sylvia Martin to look into funding from the State of CT for diversity training.

**Education Report /D. Goodson / Lucretia Duwel:** Lucretia reported that the Education Committee has been working for years with students in Study Circle environments which allows for young people to effect change. Everyday Democracy met with teachers on professional

development day Tuesday November 4<sup>th</sup> to give them an introduction and preliminary training for the Study Circles. Schools are facing many challenges now with Common Core, class sizes, and a new curriculum. It is hoped that a pilot study circle will be launched before the school year is over despite these challenges. Donald Goodson urged C.A.R.E. members to go to BOE meetings when possible.

**SECC Report:** Ty Sims is organizing the Tenth Annual Holiday Get Together on Saturday December 13, 2014 at the Birdseye Complex Café from 12-2pm. There will be lunch, raffles, games, pictures, gifts, and Santa. RSVP for your child by December 5<sup>th</sup> by calling SECC at 203-377-0089.

**Funding Sources for CARE/Terry Masters, Re: Sources mentioned by G. Mengual:** Terry Masters stated that in order to receive certain sources of funding C.A.R.E. would have to be either a 501c3, have a physical sponsor (fiduciary), or be a Native American tribe. We do not meet any of those criteria. Of course we would always have to state what we would do with the money and there are always database metrics that have to be met.

Adjournment: Motion by TaShun Biwden-Lewis –Second by Lucretia Duwel. Meeting ended at 8:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

John Fahan

