



Stratford C.A.R.E Committee

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In attendance:

Donald Goodson, Olga Pena, John Fahan, William Boyd, Terry Simmons, Lucretia Duwel, Sylvia Martin, Karen Edwards, Wade Peieira, TaShun Bowden-Lewis, Jeff Law, Terry Simmons, Edrena Jackson, Evelyn Barbosa from the SECC, Immacula Cann, Greg Cann, Angelucci Manigat.

Meeting called to order at 7:11 PM

Approval of the Minutes: Lucretia Duwel – Second By Olga Pena. All in Favor.

Treasurer's Report: No expenses of late. There is a pending banner ad expense for the Stratford Community Calendar in the amount of \$549.64 for the ad that will be in the community calendar in January. Motion to approve report by William Boyd. Second by Sylvia Martin. All were in Favor.

Cultural Competency Report: Sylvia Martin stated the next meeting will be Monday January 12th at 10am in the first floor board room in Bridgeport at the facility at the corner of Mead and Grant Streets. In addition, Sylvia has found someone who can assist in doing diversity training for the Police Dept. It is estimated the cost will be in the range of \$12,000 in overtime to pay police officers for the training. Immacula Cann added that there will also be the implementation of education about domestic violence. There will also be a committee established to work on Black History Month Programing.

Police Community Relations: Police Chief Ridenhour could not be at the meeting, however, he submitted a report. Overall the holiday season has not been as busy as in past years. However, there is still a problem with burglaries in town. The Chief asks residents to report any suspicious activity. In December nine new officers graduated from the police academy. CARE will receive an invitation to the formal swearing in ceremony of the new officers at Town Hall Council Chambers in January or February. The Chief has met with some citizens to ensure the lines of communication are open between the police and the community. The PAL program is progressing.

Education Report: Donald Goodson encouraged CARE members to attend the Board of Education meetings. The next BOE meeting is on 1/26 at 7pm.

SECC Report: Evelyn Barbosa of the South End Community Center spoke about the 2015 Spring and Summer Programs which includes the K-6 After School Enrichment Program and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance along with several other programs. She and Lucretia spoke about the Black History Month Contest. It is collaboration between the SECC and the Stratford Library Association. The contest is for all students in grades 6-8. Entrants choose one of three topics to write about. Essays or Art must be returned to the Stratford Library Teen Services Dept. by January 24, 2015. First, Second, and Third Prize winners will be formally announced and awarded prizes on Saturday, February 7, 2015.

Leadership Committee: Wade Peieira has no report at this time.

Letter to Mayor: John Fahan will continue his follow up with the Mayor's Office.

Year 2015 Priorities: Donald Goodson asked the committee to review the sorting priorities for actions worksheet and by the next meeting identify 3 areas we would like to focus on in 2015.

Adjournment: 8:55pm. Lucretia Duwel – William Boyd Second. All in Favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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

John Fahan

