



Stratford C.A.R.E Committee

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In attendance:

Donald Goodson, John Fahan, W. Joyce Minter, Sybil Friedman, Olga Pena, Wade Pereira, Police Chief Patrick Ridenhour, William M. Boyd, Karen Edwards, Sylvia Martin.

Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Patrick Ridenhour– Seconded by William Boyd. Motion passed unanimous.

Treasury Report: Olga Pena reported the current balance is actually \$369.19 and will be \$189.19 once Community Calendar as is paid.

Leadership Report: No Report

Police/Community Relations: C.A.R.E. members and the Police Chief spoke to each other about the *Traffic Stop Data Analysis and Findings 2013-14* authored by the Institute for Municipal and regional Policy (IMRP).The Chief expressed his concerns about the methodology used in the report and C.A.R.E. members did not feel the report expressed reality in Stratford. Olga Pena said C.A.R.E. had a professional report conducted on police and community relations in Stratford a few years ago which reflected positive results. The C.A.R.E. group and the Police Chief agreed to conduct a community forum at a neutral setting in the near future to discuss this and other concerns that citizens may have.

Chief Ridenhour and C.A.R.E. members agreed the Police Dept has worked hard to build positive relationships with school based mentoring programs and youth programs like PAL Boxing.

Education Committee Report: No report.

New Business:

Stratford Day Participation: C.A.R.E. will not have a booth this year.

Formation of Finance Committee: Chairman Goodson stated that C.A.R.E. is in need of funds. He is working on an idea with another member that he will hopefully roll out in the near future.

Mental Health Day: There will be a program at the Stratford Library on Saturday May 16th from 10am to 5pm.

Other:

Good & Welfare: Sybil Friedman handed out a flyer for “Dining for a Cause” to help support Square One Theatre Company. Date: Thursday, May 7th, 2015 from 4pm-10pm at the Ninety Nine Restaurant, Stratford. The restaurant will donate 15% of guest check to the organization.

Cultural Diversity Festival: Wade Pereira reiterated his desire for Stratford to have a Cultural Diversity Festival. John Fahan said he went to “The Gathering” in Waterbury last year and it was an extraordinary event. Mr. Fahan suggested that some C.A.R.E. members get together to go this year on Saturday, May 16th. It starts with a parade at 11am and then will feature cultural dances from several countries.

Adjournment: Motion by William Boyd. Seconded by Olga Pena.

Respectfully submitted,

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

John Fahan

