



Stratford C.A.R.E Committee

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In attendance:

Donald Goodson, John Fahan, , Olga Pena, Police Chief Patrick Ridenhour, William M. Boyd, Karen Edwards, Marilyn Gardner, Yan Searcy, Sylvia Martin.

Meeting called to order at 7:09 PM

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Chief Ridenhour– Seconded by Yan Searcy. Motion passed unanimous.

Treasury Report: Olga Pena reported that an individual made an anonymous donation of \$3,000 to make the current balance \$3,342.32.

Everyday Democracy: William Boyd spoke to his contact at Everyday Democracy and expressed our desire to participate in the fall 2016 survey of C.A.R.E.'s impact in the community.

Leadership Report: Terry Masters was not able to attend the meeting but sent in a report concerning the September 1, 2, 4, & 7 districts Primary Election.

Police/Community Relations: Chairman Goodson stated that Councilwoman Stephanie Phillips suggested that C.A.R.E. recognize an "Officer of the Year" and conduct an awards dinner. A sub-committee will determine the budget for the dinner. The Mayor will be invited to attend. Chief Ridenhour thinks it is a great idea and suggested we also recognize someone from the Fire Department and EMS. Yan Searcy stated that we should also recognize a member of the community who exemplifies C.A.R.E.'s mission and values. It was tentatively agreed to have those individuals selected and have the ceremony around March 2016.

Letter to the Editor: A letter to the editor will be drafted by Yan Searcy & John Fahan. It will include:

-Mission Statement/ How we began.

- Events we have been involved with and celebrate our accomplishments.

- Gloria Mengual/Everyday Democracy (Study Groups).
- Our BOE involvement and commitment to the Pathway Plan.
- Police and Community Relations.

Education Report: Olga attended the 8/29 BOE meeting. Nothing to report.

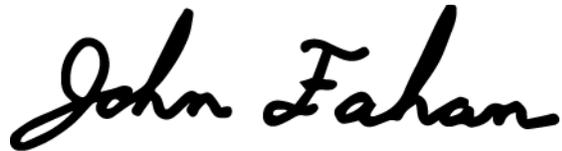
New Business:

There will be a **Community Gathering** at St. Joseph Church in Lordship on Saturday, September 12th 9am- 3pm. Donald Goodson will try to attend.

The Hispanic Heritage Festival is on September 13th.

Adjournment: 8:35pm. Motion by Sylvia Martin. Seconded Marilyn Gardner.

Respectfully submitted,

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

John Fahan

