



Stratford C.A.R.E Committee

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In attendance:

Donald Goodson, Olga Pena, John Fahan, Elene Crosby, Ann Stockman, Yan Searcy, Lucretia Duwel, Sylvia Martin, Karen Edwards.

Meeting called to order at 7:16 PM

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve: Yan Searcy. Seconded by Ann Stockman. All present were in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

Ann Stockman. Seconded by Yan Searcy. All present were in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

No expenses. The amount remains \$3,342.33. Motion to approve treasurer's report by Lucretia Duwel. Seconded by Elene Crosby. All present were in favor.

Old Business:

Nomination of Officers:

After some discussion a motion was made by Sylvia Martin to nominate Yan Searcy as Chairman, Donald Goodson as Co-Chairman, and Olga Pena as Treasurer and to accept the entire slate by acclamation for their term to commence in January 2016. The motion was seconded by Elene Crosby. All present were in favor.

Education Committee:

Donald Goodson stated the Board of Education CFO, Clarence Zachary gave a presentation at Stratford Academy in November concerning the Pathway Plan for racial balancing of the schools. CARE will continue to focus on the achievement gap, teacher and staff cultural

sensitivity training, and monitor adherence to the Pathway Plan. Donald said he had a positive meeting with Schools Superintendent Dr. Janet Robinson. The Education Sub-Committee will attempt to meet in December.

Olga Pena discussed the Parents Supporting Education Excellence Program. It is a civics leadership initiative that provides strategies and tools to prepare parents, grandparents, and guardians to partner with schools to improve education for all children. The course is free and begins on Saturday, January 30, 2016. There are 12 sessions and child care is provided. Anyone interested should contact Stratford Parents Place, Carrie Satta at 203-381-6992.

Mini-Grant:

Olga spoke about the mini-grant for the 2016-2017 school year opening meeting. An amount and criteria will have to be established.

Op-Ed Letter:

The Op-Ed Letter will be ready to go in the Stratford Star with the addition of CARE's meeting time and place.

SEEC Update:

The South End Community Center has revised its stakeholder meeting to December 10th 2015. It will be held at the Birdseye Municipal Complex 6-7:30pm. All are invited who want to participate with implementing the SEEC's 3 year Strategic Plan & Mission Statement & Values.

New Business:

Community Recognition Event:

The committee for this event may not be able to meet until January.

CCRE:

Sylvia Martin gave an overview of the programming for the Cultural Competency Meetings in Bridgeport. She will provide CARE with written updates for Juneteenth of Fairfield County and other events. Sylvia also spoke about her viewing in Tribeca of the movie "Meet Mario." It is about a young Italian man born of an African-American father and Italian mother. He finds love while battling racism from his fiancé's family.

New Projects:

Donald Goodson discussed the new projects suggested by Stephanie Philips. One of the ideas is to have a community meeting to discuss issues related to race with youth, CARE and perhaps members of the clergy.

Good and Welfare:

Donald Goodson asked CARE to keep in its thoughts and prayers those members of the committee that are ill.

Adjournment:

8:44pm. Motion by Olga Pena. Seconded by Yan Searcy.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Fahan". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

John Fahan

