



## Stratford C.A.R.E Committee

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### **In attendance:**

Yan Searcy, Donald Goodson, Olga Pena, John Fahan, Ann Stockman, Karen Grossi, Elene Crosby, Ann Stockman, Tammy Langston, Tania Livingston, Sybil Friedman, Stephanie Philips, Patrick Ridenhour, Ken Simon, William M. Boyd, Lucretia Duwel, Karen Edwards, Sylvia Martin.

Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM

**Introductions:** Our new Chairman asked all members to do a “check in” and introduce themselves to the committee.

**Approval of Minutes:** Olga asked that the minutes reflect a minor correction in the balance to state \$3,342.32 not \$3,342.33. Also, Donald Goodson asked that the minutes reflect that Tammy Langston also attended the meeting with the Schools Superintendent concerning the Pathway Plan. A motion was made by Sylvia Martin to approve the minutes with the above corrections. The motion was seconded by Donald Goodson. All present were in favor.

**Treasurer’s Report:** No expenses. The amount remains \$3,342.32.

**Recognition:** Donald Goodson thanked everyone for the privilege of being our Chairman. He stated we are in good and capable hands with Yan Searcy as our new Chairman. Yan Searcy stated that we all appreciate Donald for all the work he has done for the committee.

### **Old Business:**

**Police-Community Relations –Chief Ridenhour:** Chief Ridenhour reports no major issues. Just before Christmas Stratford police officers issued gift cards and gift certificates to citizens at random on the street and other places. It was all a part of the department’s Random Act of Kindness campaign. Several local businesses donated the gift cards and certificates. The department also sponsored the Three Kings Day Celebration at St. James School. There will be a Summer Camp again this year and this time the Fire Department would like to be involved. The Chief reported that the department has a diverse supervisory staff. There will also be a cooking

with a cop program. The Connecticut Police Chiefs Association is conducting an artwork and slogan design contest for a campaign entitled “Positive Interactions During a Traffic Stop.” Deadline for entries is January 31, 2016.

**Education Committee Report:** Lucretia handed out the “Just 4 Teens Winter 2016” schedule of events. She also spoke about a meeting to take place at the Library January 9<sup>th</sup> from 10-1 to discuss the common core and the achievement gap.

**Ty Sims (SECC):** Donald Goodson and Karen Edwards attended the stakeholder meeting to discuss the SECC’s final 3 year strategic plan. CARE and other members of the community are still invited to participate in the discussions. Ty will be sending out email updates. The SECC will be opening up 2 more tax sites and will be interviewing candidates from UNH to assist town residents with tax preparation.

**Op-Ed Letter:** John Fahan will be submitting the finalized Op-Ed letter to the Stratford Star by the end of this week.

**New Business:**

**New Projects:** Chairman Yan Searcy stated that the CARE meetings will be shorter. Most of CARE’s work will be performed in its action team committees which will report back to the whole group on items to vote and take action on. John Fahan will send out an email reminder for CARE members to choose which action team they would like to serve on. Some new projects include a Junior CARE group in both the middle and high schools.

Respectfully Submitted.

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

John Fahan

