



Stratford C.A.R.E Committee

Minutes February 3, 2016

Email: stratford.care.committee@gmail.com

Telephone: (203)-380-6777

Mailing Address: ATTN: C.A.R.E.
Stratford Community Services
468 Birdseye St.
Stratford, CT 06615

In attendance: Yan Searcy, Donald Goodson, Olga Pena, John Fahan, Evelyn Padilla, Tammy Langston, Tania Livingston, Lucretia Duwel, William Boyd, Ann Stockman, Sybil Friedman, Karen Edwards, Sylvia Martn.

-

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM

Welcome and Introductions:

Chairman Searcy asked each member to speak briefly about their first bicycle or their first automobile.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes – Lucretia Duwel. Second – Sylvia Martin. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Olga Pena stated the balance remains the same at \$3,342.32. Motion to approve William Boyd. Second – Ann Stockman. All in favor.

Old Business:

Police/Community Relations: Chief Ridenhour:

Chief Ridenhour could not attend the meeting, however, he emailed the following report: There were several retirements in the month of January. The authors of the traffic stop report should be releasing a follow up report soon. Forty children are participating in the new PAL cartoon drawing class which has been meeting on Saturday afternoons since January 16th. News 12 did a story on the class this past Saturday. There are still 30 children in PAL boxing and 20 children on the Junior Rifle Team. A Citizens Police Academy is still planned for the spring.

Education Committee Report:

The Education Committee will present a report to the BOE on Monday February 22, 2016. CARE will remain focused on the Pathway Plan for racial balancing and addressing the achievement gap in addition to addressing minority teacher recruiting efforts. CARE is committed to always having representation at the BOE meetings.

Leadership Committee:

No report.

Public Relations/Communications:

John Fahan spoke to the editor of The Star. We need to get the letter to the editor down to 350 words and then they would be willing to move forward and publish it for us.

Social Media:

John Fahan will speak to Ken Simon about updating the Facebook page with photos and other material.

New Business:**Junior Board:**

Chairman Yan Searcy spoke to Diane Christiano the Coordinator of Career and Technology Education for the Stratford BOE about creating a Junior CARE Board in the Stratford Public Schools. C.A.R.E. will look into partnering with the Stratford Clergy Association and the Greater Bridgeport Council of Churches to develop this initiative.

Stratford Public Schools:

C.A.R.E. would like to finally to re-introduce the Study Circles in the school system.

Vision for 2016:

C.A.R.E. will remain aware and engaged in maintaining the Pathway Plan, being noticed in the community, and educating the Town Council on issues that should be the concern of all of us.

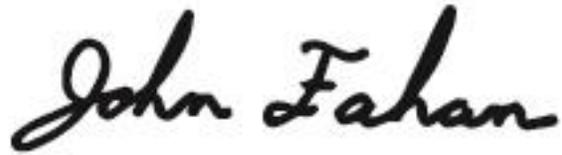
Announcements:

Sylvia Marin informed us about the Juneteenth Celebration of Fairfield County which is having a black tie event in April.

Lucretia Duwel announced the Annual Black History Month Essay Contest Awards will be held on Saturday February 22, 2016 at 11am in the library. There will be a special performance from the African Dance Group.

Adjournment by Chairman Searcy at 8:34pm

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Fahan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'J' and 'F'.

John Fahan

CARE Recording Secretary