



Stratford C.A.R.E Committee

Minutes October 5, 2016 at 7pm

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In attendance: Yan Searcy, Donald Goodson, Olga Pena, John Fahan, William Boyd, Karen Edwards, Lucretia Duwel, Ann Stockman, Elene Crosby, Gladys Ramos, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Janet Robinson, Stratford Schools Resource Officer Marcia McNeil, Karen Edwards, Tania Livingston, Gloria Sancho.

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Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM

Welcome and Introductions:

Chairman Searcy asked each member to introduce themselves and tell us what their favorite cartoon is.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes – Olga Pena. Second – Donald Goodson. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Olga Pena stated the balance is \$2,814.45 after a deposit of \$200.00 for the CARE Banquet. Motion to approve Donald Goodson. Second – William Boyd.

Old Business:

Police/Community Relations: Chief McNeil:

No report. The Chief had a previous commitment. Schools Resource Officer Marcia McNeil introduced herself to the committee.

Education Committee: Olga Pena, Lucretia Duwel:

Dr. Robinson stated that when magnet schools were first formed it was understood and agreed that the per pupil fee would be funded by the State of CT. The districts were not allowed to charge tuition. That legislation has changed and districts are going to be charged tuition beginning next school year. Stratford will need an additional \$600,000 and probably much more than that for 2017-2018. It is neither legal nor ethical to pull Stratford children from Bridgeport magnet schools or any magnet schools. Dr. Robinson is going to set up a meeting with several other school districts and legislators to find some form of funding solution.

There was a discussion about Title 1 funding. Dr. Robinson stated the funding follows the child wherever the child goes to school. She also stated that the district does its best to get the necessary resources available in every school.

The superintendent would like a member of CARE to participate in the schools 5-year strategic plan on Friday October 28th from 5-8pm and Saturday October 29th from 9-3pm. There will be an opportunity for additional volunteers on the action committees to come out of the strategic plan. Olga Pena was selected. Tania Livingston was selected as an alternate.

Courageous Community Conversation (Tina Manus):

The courageous conversation about class, stereotypes, and social justice in the Lovell Room of the Stratford Library Thursday October 27th 6-8pm.

Community Recognition Dinner: Yan Searcy/Karen Edwards/John Fahan.

Tickets for CARE members to sell will be available 1pm Sunday, October 9. Each member should try to sell his or her 4 tickets. Individual tickets are \$50. Two or more are \$40 each. The Stratford Star, Office of the Mayor, and the Director of the Sterling House have thus far been notified about the event. A dinner menu has been settled on. The Chairman asked each member to spread the word on social media. The sub-committee will meet and recommend award recipients and inform them of their selection.

Meeting Adjourned 8:36pm

Respectfully submitted,

John Fahan

C.A.R.E. Secretary

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