

SPRINGDALE OFFERING SUPPORT
January 18, 2012

Present: Mayor Webster, Julie Matheny, Bob Diehl, Marsha Bemmes-Hoctor, Joe Ture, Carolyn Ghantous, Jim Squires, Greg Karle, and Cammie Mitrione

The minutes of November 16, 2011 were approved with two changes – change “Frame and Save” to “Frame USA” and change “arranges” to “arrangements”.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Adopt a Family Program

Marsha Bemmes-Hoctor said there is a summary of the program in the packet. A total of 61 families and 165 kids were helped this year including the coat drive, Calvary Church Thanksgiving dinners, SWAPO and the Adopt a Family Program. Each family received canned goods and meat as well as gifts. One hundred Springdale residents, employees and businesses participated in some way. SOUL Ministries received the remaining canned goods, meat and staples. Marsha suggested as the program grows, that perhaps the recipients should come to us rather than having the gifts delivered.

Julie Matheny suggested purchasing gift cards to a couple of stores for the people who are purchasing gifts in order to keep a better handle on the money and number of transactions.

Marsha Bemmes-Hoctor said there were some issues of communications with some of the Hispanic families. The Hispanic Coalition and Vineyard Church were offered as places that may be able to help with translation.

Mayor Webster said they should recognize the people who helped us with a plaque for businesses and a certificate for long time residential contributors. Bob Diehl and Marsha Bemmes-Hoctor will work on the plaque. Jackie O’Connell can do the certificates. The recipients will be invited to the March 16 Council meeting.

Mayor Webster announced that Atonement Lutheran Church donated \$10,000 to SOS. He said they should start earlier next year on solicitations.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Julie Matheny reported that \$3196.60 was used from the General Fund for the Adopt a Family program. There were deposits of \$12,975.39 leaving a balance of \$14,582.78. One thousand three hundred fifty-five dollars and 87 cents was withdrawn from the Christmas fund and \$820.93 was deposited leaving a balance of \$740.38.

There was discussion about having more than one debit card available.

Julie said there were two \$25 credits to the account and three \$50 gift cards were received as replacements for the four \$50 e-gift cards SOS had purchased from Target.

NEW BUSINESS

Camie Mitrione said they should have election of officers and that was tabled until the next meeting.

Mayor Webster asked Mrs. Mitrione to invite someone from Sharonville to come to a meeting and discuss their Christmas program.

NEXT MEETING – February 15, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Camie Mitrione, Secretary