Meeting called to order at 3:10 p.m.

Present: Mayor Webster, Matt Clayton, Julie Matheny, Carolyn Ghantous, Marsha Hoctor, and Debra Boggs were in attendance

Minutes: The minutes of the November 18, 2015 meeting were considered and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Adopt a Family is complete!

A brief summary was handed out and the highlights are listed below:

- 67 families were helped with 221 children in those families being helped. Along with presents from sponsors, each family received a small bag of canned goods and a ham (if they picked it up). The hams were donated by John Morrell/Smithfield Foods. 25 hams were given out. Of the 72 hams that were left, the pantry benefitted. Coat/Hat/Glove drive netted 120 coats donated by Princeton Closet and SOS.

- With the help of Calvary Church, 20 turkey dinners were delivered to 20 different families.

- Ten children were invited to Shop with a Community Helper which is partly sponsored by SOS, Target and Chick-fil-A. Nine showed and each received $100 worth of gifts.

- Monetary donations received later will help kick off the 2016 "Springdale Adopt a Family Program".

Thoughts were that the pick-up went smoother. Earlier work on coats helped. Suggestion was that perhaps we could start the food drive earlier. Matt Clayton suggested that we could have Christine Russell send a letter to recruit sponsors in early November. Will possibly discuss the letter and the earlier food drive option at the October 19th meeting.

Mayor Webster brought up that Process Plus is a company that is new to Springdale after moving here from Forest Park. They have an annual Christmas program which helps approximately 100 kids. They will need a larger space for a few days to set up, use and break down. If we can help them with this space, perhaps they can then help us.
Matt Clayton also informed us that he is still working on grant money for next year to help with Adopt a Family.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer’s Report

The SOS General Fund as of January 20, 2016 is as follows:

   Beginning balance of  $6,758.63
   Interest of:          $    1.01
   Money out for Christmas Walmart/Target
       (coats)            ($2,608.36)
   Transfer from savings $2,608.36)
   ENDING BALANCE        $6,759.64

The Christmas Fund as of January 20, 2016 is as follows:

   Beginning balance of  $3,684.15
   Deposits (various)    $2,843.00
   Interest              $    1.06
   Transfer to checking  ($2,608.36)
   ENDING BALANCE        $3,919.85

Approximately $250 leftover. Susan Wyder will still reimburse for coats that SOS purchased as well.

Treasurer’s Report accepted.

Discussion

Marsha   -    Nothing
Matt     -    Nothing
Carolyn -    Nothing
Julie    -    Nothing

Meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 17, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

City of Springdale
Department of Health