

SPRINGDALE OFFERING SUPPORT
Meeting Minutes for
January 21, 2015

Present: Mayor Webster, Carolyn Ghantous, Marsha Hctor, Tom Lindsey,
Julie Matheny, Michael Mathis, Cammie Mitrione, Jim Squires, Susan Wyder

Minutes: The minutes of November 19, 2014 were considered and approved as published.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The success of the 2014 SOS Adopt a Family Project was discussed in detail. A total of 70 families and 194 children were helped through this community outreach program.

The program began with a coat and hat drive in which 41 coats were provided to those in need, many accompanied by hats and gloves.

In collaboration with the Calvary Church, fifteen turkey dinners were delivered to fifteen families.

Ten children were invited to shop with a Police Officer. Nine of which attended and received an approximation of \$100 worth of gifts, this effort was sponsored by Target with a \$400.00 donation to the program.

A total of 52 families were sponsored by an assortment of employees, business owners, and residents of the Springdale community. The adopted families received gifts, a turkey, and a large box of non-perishable food items. Families that were not sponsored were given gifts, food and helped through SOS funds. A local food pantry and Soul Ministries received any remaining turkeys, approximately 10.

Several new businesses and sponsors were successfully recruited this year. \$2370 in cash, checks, and gift card donations were received and given to Mrs. Hctor.

NEW BUSINESS

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mrs. Matheny provided the SOS Income Statement. In the General Fund there was an ending balance of \$7,058.37 with no expenditures after the transfer from Christmas Fund. In the Christmas Fund there was an ending balance of \$2109.05 with \$4,100.43 in expenditures.

DISCUSSION

There was quite a bit of discussion on the families involved in the program. Several families have been adopted in the past. One family was noted to have gone to other places for help as well. Screening families is needed for those who attempt to utilize the program repetitively. Mayor Webster suggested beginning solicitation for food drive sponsors earlier this year between September and October. Mr. Lindsey suggested for the purpose of cost efficiency to compare price points this year for the cost of the turkeys.

NEXT MEETING: February 18, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Cammie Mitrione, Secretary