

SPRINGDALE OFFERING SUPPORT
February 15, 2012

Present: Mayor Webster, Julie Matheny, Bob Diehl, Mike Mathis, Joe Ture, Carolyn Ghantous, Greg Karle, Susan Wyder and Cammie Mitrione

The minutes of January 18, 2012 were approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Adopt a Family Program

Mayor Webster explained SOS' Christmas program to Susan Wyder from Sharonville

Susan Wyder explained that they have a sharing tree through the Princeton schools. She said they coordinate with the City of Sharonville. There are companies that adopt whole families and some that give checks. The donors are local and once they get involved with the program, they mostly continue year to year. She said the recipients get clothing, grocery certificate and toys. She said they spend up to \$200 per family. Princeton has a closet and coat drive. She said you can get coats from the closet, some are new and some are gently used. She said the school is installing a washer and dryer.

Carolyn Ghantous said Marsha Bemmes-Hoctor wants to give new coats and Susan said WalMart in Evendale is very generous. Susan stated some of the participants pick up their gifts and some are delivered. She said they handled 27 families and Sharonville took care of another 50. Susan said she and her daughters do the shopping and their current balance is \$1700. She said Sharonville has a substantial fund and no limit on the amount of families they help.

Cammie Mitrione is to ask Adrian Gertz from Sharonville to attend a meeting

Donor Recognition Event

Joe Ture passed out a list of businesses who had participated in the Adopt a Family program. He said the cost of the plaques would be \$175.50 and they will be ready for the second Council meeting in March. The residents will not be recognized this year; perhaps next year if they want to be recognized.

SOS Board Information and Election of Officers

Cammie Mitrione passed out Code of Regulations and Conflict of Interest documents for members' information. Election of officers was held and Mayor Webster was re-elected president; Cammie Mitrione, secretary and Julie Matheny, treasurer. Joe Ture, Marsha Bemmes-Hoctor and Greg Karle will be added as members of the board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Julie Matheny reported that the beginning balance from January 4, 2012 was \$14,582.78. There was a \$30 deposit and \$2.88 in interest leaving a balance of \$14,615.66. The Christmas fund balance beginning January 4 was \$740.38. There was a deposit of \$200 leaving a balance of \$940.38.

NEW BUSINESS

Requests for Help

Cammie Mitrione said there was a request from a resident who had high utility bills and needed help getting her water bill paid. She was given a \$50 gift card.

Mayor Webster said a resident on Dimmick has had problems with water in the basement. She needs help finding out where the problem is. Mayor Webster said Marcie Diehl is writing a grant trying to get money for SOS. This might be a good place to apply it.

Cammie Mitrione stated two women had called with animal control problems.

Sharonville Christmas Fund

Cammie said Sharonville puts on a party and the people come and get their presents. She said people who live in motels are considered transient.

Carolyn Ghantous stated Key Club members from the high school are willing to do work for SOS.

NEXT MEETING – March 21 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Cammie Mitrione, Secretary