

## SPRINGDALE OFFERING SUPPORT

March 16, 2011, 2011

Present: Mayor Webster, Julie Matheny, Bob Diehl, Marsha Bemmes, Jim Squires, Mike Mathis, Greg Karle, Carolyn Ghantous, and Cammie Mitrione

The minutes of February 16, 2011 were approved.

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Monica Roberts, Healing Center gave an insight into what they do at The Healing Center. She said they offer hope and healing for the whole person. They help find employment, provide information about the legal system and prescription drugs and offer support groups and referrals. There are fourteen paid staff members and over 600 volunteers. Seven-five percent of the funding is through the Vineyard Church and twenty-five percent through grants and donations. The first time someone visits the Healing Center, he/she meets with an assessor who evaluates what programs that person may need to utilize. The people who come for help are approximately one third Caucasian, one-third black and one-third Hispanic. In twelve months there were 22,000 visits to the Healing Center with 6800 unique households being helped.

Ms. Roberts stated the Healing Center offers financial aid once a year. The person must be a Healing Center guest for thirty days and must have an eviction notice or shut off of utilities notice. It is a one-time deal for an emergency situation. A visitor to the food pantry may come twice a month for food and once a month for household goods and clothing. Each person is allowed thirty pounds of food at one time. She said the Healing Center is not a primary food source, just to supplement. The income guidelines allows up to 200 percent above poverty which is \$40,000 for a family of four.

Ms. Roberts said they are compiling a database, CCI (Community Collaborative Incorporated) which other help centers may be able to access for a fee. At the Christmas Store a person can pay \$5 and pick out a toy and item of clothing for each registered child.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mrs. Matheny reported there is \$5858.53 in the general fund and \$1223.04 in the Christmas fund. SOS has a bill from Wood & Lamping for \$405 to help with the issue of filing with the IRS.

### **GROUP DISCUSSION**

Chief Mathis said Dr. Hackworth returned his call about the 5K run today. Dr. Hackwoth has never been involved in setting up a race activity before.

Marsha Bemmes said it will cost \$6.25 per award for the businesses who contributed to the Adopt a Family Program. There are sixteen businesses with a total cost of \$104.

Respectfully submitted,

Cammie Mitrione, Secretary