

SPRINGDALE OFFERING SUPPORT  
April 18, 2012

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

Guests: Dennis Propes, Sharonville Health Department; Ray Watson, The Greater Cincinnati Foundation

The minutes of March 21, 2012 were approved.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Sharonville Health Department**

Dennis Propes, Sharonville Health Commissioner stated the Health Department has a program to help residents throughout the year. They have a food pantry that a person can visit six times a year. Occasionally they help someone with prescriptions and they have a Christmas program. He said they take in approximately \$15,000 a year and spend \$13,000. They have a fund drive with local businesses and once they come on board, they usually continue. They have food drives and purchase food and personal care items. They get donations from churches, families and organizations. Mr. Propes said they helped forty-eight families at Christmas last year and another thirty-five to forty throughout the year.

**The Greater Cincinnati Foundation**

Ray Watson, Local Community Foundation stated they have \$435 million in assets. They have been around since 1963 and get their funds from donors. He said they awarded \$55-\$60 million last year. Three-fourths of the awards are from donors advising where they want the money to go. They only award to non-profits and do not award scholarships. They offer grants less than \$25,000 four times a year.

In response to questions from the group Mr. Watson stated as for home repairs it would have to be something like weatherproofing or disabilities, not just to beautify. The projects need to be competitive. They do not usually award grants for more than one year at a time. You cannot do a project and then be reimbursed. Mr. Watson does not see providing for vehicles in the foreseeable future. If there is more than one project in the request, they need to be tied together. Mr. Watson stressed the importance of the request being very competitive as there are many more requests than money available.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Joshua Howard said there was a question about transportation for residents of Maple Knoll to the Community Center. The phone calls went to the Activity Department. An announcement was made at the Resident Council meeting and every resident receives a copy of the minutes. He said it has always been our policy to work the City of Springdale. Joshua said the residents of Maple Knoll should get a calendar of events of senior programs and during the regularly scheduled hours for the Shuttle on Demand, they may call for a ride.

Carolyn Ghantous reported the operating budget at SOUL Ministries is \$2500 for food. The only bill they have is the phone.

Mayor Webster said if we are going to participate in the summer program we need to make a decision. It is over and above what they usually do.

Carolyn said the food does not go to the school; they give recipients extra food. Most are from Heritage Hill, are Hispanic and don't have transportation. She said they are talking about planting a vegetable garden at Heritage Hill.

SOS voted to give SOUL Ministries \$1,000 for the summer feeding program.

Julie Matheny suggested having SOS on the Chamber Show to promote the organization.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Julie Matheny reported that the beginning balance from March 21, 2012 was \$14,742.96. There was a check written for the plaques at \$175.50 and \$1.85 in interest leaving a balance of \$14,569.31. The Christmas fund balance is \$940.74 (36 cents interest).

### **GROUP DISCUSSION**

Cammie Mitrione stated Rob Westermann was willing to look at Mrs. Poynter's basement problem but has not contacted her yet. She will keep on him.

**NEXT MEETING** – May10, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Cammie Mitrione, Secretary