SPRINGDALE OFFERING SUPPORT

Meeting Minutes for
September 17, 2014

Present: Mayor Webster, Carolyn Ghantous, Marsha Hoctor, Greg Karle, Julie Matheny, Cammie Mitrione, Janis Oxendine, Jim Squires, Susan Wyder

Minutes: The minutes of May 21, 2014 were considered. It was noted that the balance of the Christmas Fund should read $3,263.78, not $3,265.78. The minutes were approved with this correction.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ComeUnity Bash - The ComeUnity Bash was a big success. Particularly noted were the popular circus, excellent bands and awesome balloon glow. In regards to the SOS fundraiser portion of the ComeUnity Bash, it was reported that a profit of $430. was achieved, slightly less than the previous year. The delivery of the pizzas went smoother this year. There was a small issue with the slicing of the pizzas into 10 instead of 8 at the end of the shift. It was noted that the pizza wasn't staying hot, perhaps because of the different sterno units utilized. There was discussion about how much the other groups (Garden Club, Seniors, Lion's Club) made and what they were offering and that there was some duplication in menu offerings.

Walk-A-Thon - The event has not been generating the response desired. The timing of the event was discussed; many other events are going on this month, both locally and city-wide. Play It Again sports in sponsoring and providing T-Shirts. The Vitamin Shoppe is also sponsoring and contributing water. There were ideas for soliciting more walkers (e.g., group from Tri-County Mall). Cost is $20. to participate; walkers are encouraged to get sponsors. Mrs. Mitrione handed in forms and money from Board of Health members who had contributed.

NEW BUSINESS

The Requests for Assistance were reviewed. There are currently not any outstanding requests. The inventory of gift cards was reviewed. Ms. Hoctor agreed to look into the gift card inventory held at the Police Department. (This was subsequently provided to Janis on 9/22/14.) Since the Health Department is down to one $25. gift card, Mrs. Mitrione requested another $100 for four additional $25. gift cards. This was approved by those in attendance.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Ms. Matheny provided the SOS Income Statement. In the General Fund, there was an ending balance of $6,278.75; the only expenditure since the last statement (May 2014) was the $1,000 contribution to Soul Ministries, which was used to help provide food for almost 200 families each in June, July, and August, when the children were not getting their free/reduced meals at school.

In the Christmas fund, there is a balance of $3,404.55, an increase of $140, which came from donations from Mr. Bailey, and checks from Mrs. Webster and Mrs. Buschman in memory of Gerda Girmann, with acknowledgements going to Mrs. Rose Fehr. Ms. Matheny reported that she has an additional $330 in checks, from Mrs. McNear and Mr. Bailey, to deposit; Ms. Matheny wanted to know in which fund to deposit these checks. It was decided the checks should go into the Christmas Fund, while the $430 profit from the ComeUnity Bash fundraiser would go into the General Fund.
DISCUSSION

Carolyn Ghantous will again be conducting a coat drive in conjunction with Calvary Church. There was talk about starting this project earlier this year to ensure everyone has a coat to be prepared for cooler temperatures, which have already been down in the 40’s. Marsha will talk to the schools about who needs coats.

Shop with a Cop/Community Helper will be on December 6 this year. This is sponsored by Target.

The Mayor stated that it's not too soon to start on the Christmas drive and asked for a volunteer chairperson. Ms. Hoctor volunteered and already had dates chosen: December 14th and 15th for wrapping and gift pick-up would be December 17th and 18th. It was discussed about trying to request the ethnicity of the recipients so that appropriate gifts could get obtained.

Mrs. Wyder provided an update on Princeton

NEXT MEETING: October 15, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

Cammie Mitrione, Secretary