

SPRINGDALE OFFERING SUPPORT
October 16, 2013

Present: Carolyn Ghantous, Marsha Hocter, Greg Karle, Julie Matheny, Anthony Stanley, Tom Lindsey, Cammie Mitrione, Doyle Webster

Minutes: The minutes of September 18, 2013 were approved.

Mayor Webster welcomed Anthony Stanley and Tom Lindsey from the Fire Department

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Christmas Program

Marsha Hocter reported that so far she has fifteen families from Springdale Elementary on the list and twelve sponsors, mostly City employees.

Calvary Church will contribute the Thanksgiving meals again this year.

Susan Wyder still has access to the Princeton Coat Closet. Carolyn Ghantous will head the coat program again this year. SOS offered \$250 to supplement the purchase of coats if necessary.

Shop with a Cop has been changed to Shop with a Community Helper and the Fire Department will participate with the Police Department this year.

Marsha stated Kay Jewelers has St. Jude's bears that donors get when they donate. Some donors don't want the bears and Kay's will donate those bears to SOS.

Mayor Webster stated he did not talk to Doug Peters at Chick-Fil-A but an assistant manager, who told him that they don't like to give cash donations but they would feed a group. It was suggested that they take the kids who shop with a community helper there. Mayor Webster has also been trying to reach Cynthia Booth of McDonalds but so far has been unsuccessful.

Greg Karle asked Cammie to e-mail him a copy of the Adopt a Family flier and he will have posters made.

Julie Matheny suggested the building could be opened on a Saturday so that people who work could come in and wrap presents

Fund Raisers

Carolyn Ghantous reported that they are working on a talent show for 5-12 year olds to be held in March at the Community Center. They hope to make money by selling snacks at the event. She said they will meet with the principals of Heritage Hill and Springdale Elementary to get the word out. Cammie Mitrione suggested contacting Calvary School also.

There was also talk among the group of having an SOS walk next year in September/October where participants could get sponsors to sponsor them to walk. It was also suggested that perhaps the regular walkers registered at the Fitness Center could have sponsors who donate so much a mile for walking during the year.

NEEDS ASSESSMENTS

Mrs. Mitrione said there were two requests for help with utilities. She said she explained that SOS did not help with utility bills but could give them a gift card to help with food which would

allow more food money to be put towards the utilities. A third person requested a ride for a medical appointment. She was referred to Sycamore Senior Medical Transport.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Julie Matheny reported a beginning balance of \$7,184.99 on September 19, 2013 in the general fund. With interest of 60 cents added, the ending balance on October 16, 2013 is \$7,185.59. On September 19, 2013 there was \$1,307.04 in the Christmas fund. Interest of 21 cents and a deposit of \$235.28 were added leaving a balance of \$1,542.23 as of October 16, 2013.

Kathy McNear has made a \$150 donation.

NEXT MEETING: November 20, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

Cammie Mitrione, Secretary