

LCA Meeting Notes for January 16, 2023

Present: Mary A Snyder, Rhonda Burggraf, Amy Kerr, Becky Speakman, Sheriff Matt Bayles, Ed and Barb Stofcheck, Mark Poling, Angel and Ron Stien, Tyler Howell

The meeting opened at 7:03.

Ed Stofcheck prayed.

Connie provided a treasurer's report by email. We ended 2022 with \$85,438.40. To date, we have \$85,928.40. We are current on paying our utility bills. She submitted items to the Attorney General's office to report our year end totals.

Amy reported that we got a thank you card from the UM Church for the community Christmas program. They helped 38 families with our \$500 donation. The LCA now has it's own PO Box number. We are box 203.

Rhonda read the minutes from the last meeting. There are no additions or corrections.

Mark said that Tyler Howell came to him with a proposal. The owner of the lot with the Christmas tree (Bradshaw) wants to remove the tree. Tyler suggested that the Lions club, the LCA and Village go together to purchase the Christmas tree property – this would stop the tree from being removed; The owner wants \$3,000. Each group is being asked to put forward \$1,000. A survey would need to be done to split the property for the sale. The consensus was to table the issue until we hear from the Village. (They are meeting at the same time that we are meeting.)

Sheriff Bayles was present and gave an update on what's going on with the SO. Kevin Davidson retired and rehired to do programming – SOS (Kevin will check in on seniors – 25 people signed up – trying to get more people signed up; Kevin will get prisoners out of jail to do work in the community to earn credit off of their sentences – if we have a project contact Kevin at kdavidson@co.marion.oh.us let him know. Sheriff has come in under budget last two years; his office has encouraged residents to get an app for phone to advise them of emergencies and crashes; the SO partnered with the city of Marion and FEMA and has an alert notification system; brought in a million \$ in grants through ARPA; violent crime reduction grant (partnership with the City); Citizens' police academy (partner with MPD); CPAAA – can be used in the community; he is encouraging his officers to get more involved in community events; there are two deputies assigned to LaRue – one day time and one night time; contract for special details are up – hourly wage for village contracts is lower than the hourly wage of on duty officers - Caledonia upped their rate to 50/hour – county has to get \$5 of this rate. The officer gets \$45. He wanted to discuss these contracts. Mark redirected him the Village Council meeting.

Mr. Mathews from the Masons said that there was no heat in their room; Tyler took a thermostat out of one room and put it in another room. We need another thermostat installed; Amy is to call Ryan I.

Rhonda moved to replace the thermostat in the most cost-effective manner possible; Mary Ann seconded; motion passed.

Rental agreements for rooms; dollar events etc. Need agreement drafted so that we can start renting rooms; Rhonda to get Women's Club home rental agreement as an example and we can make changes to it.

We discussed the rental amount. Becky made a motion to rent a room for a 25 deposit and 50 for rental – renters would get 25 back if everything clean; Mary Ann second; motion passed.

Becky and Amy willing to open/close rental and show rental.

The first senior potluck is January 19th at noon. The LCA will provide lunch. The group discussed the menu and who will provide what dish.

Amy to make posters to advertise the lunch. She will contact the bank to put it on the website.

Bob will help take care of the ramp and sidewalk if it snows. Lee Parker may also help with snow removal if necessary.

LCA building is zoned residential. Candy crafters are still in the building with the grocery store. Mayor said that Candy Crafters could rent space without rezoning the property, but we were not to rent to anyone else without rezoning the property.

Some of the play ground materials were delivered to Butch Winslow.

Barb said that we got \$2,000 from Mid Ohio for the ramp or for security system for lights and cameras. We discussed options for fixing/replacing the ramp and/or putting up security cameras and lights. Maybe the jail inmates can help put up ramp and/or paint the building. Austin Primovera also may be able to help us with the ramp.

Mark checked on internet. The village can have internet in two locations and they are willing to provide that for us for \$30/month. The group decided to have spectrum put in the internet. Mark is going to talk to Mary about getting internet out to our building.

Becky wanted to get 5 signs for the craft show; farmers market 5; 5 signs for Senior Lunch Thursday Noon; 15 signs for \$156.60. Mark moved to pay for the signs; Rhonda Seconded; passed – Becky to order the signs.

Amy said that she wants to set up committees to be set up for the Library and the OOrang Bang. Oorang Committee – Becky chair and Kevin Rhonda; Amy; Barb and Ed; Connie. Barb, Rhonda and Bev to talk about getting the library up and running.

Discussion held about having library open a couple of hours a week on a two different days.

Tyler came down and said that the village did not want to buy the Christmas tree lot. He suggested creating a green space at the hardware store lot if the Christmas tree is removed. He thought that the hardware store may be razed in the spring? Tyler said that the village will continue to take care of the snow removal at the building. Thank you, Village. He reported that the village voted to sell the water plant for 2.65 million. Ray Grogan will attend the council meeting next month. There was some discussion about the transfer of the property at the site of the Catholic Church.

Dues are \$15/\$30.

Becky reported that there are 20 craft vendors and one maybe two food trucks for the next craft show.

The meeting adjourned at 9 pm.