

LaRue Community Alliance on 10/27/22

Present: Mary A. Snyder, Becky Speakman, Josh Harper, Lauren Park, Jeanie Park, Mark Davis, MD, Amy Kerr, John Haupt, Rhonda Burggraf, Tom Mess (?), Jeff McCormack, Peggy Lightfoot, Karen Zimmerman, Mark Poling, Dick Spracklen

Rhonda read the minutes – approved as read.

Dr. Davis is running for Marion County Commissioner, and he made a few remarks to the group.

Old Business –

Banking transfer for the LCA bank account (signers on the account) needs to be done.

Mark gave an update on the changes to the by-laws. The committee rewrote some of the language and rearranged the provisions. The following suggestions were made during the meeting: put a limit on the number of years that an officer can only sit even if no one else offers to step up and take the office; after the first 5 years, that office holder can only hold an office for one year; removing the short-term investments provision; adding the definition of a member in good standing – may include someone that has a known interest in the La Rue community, 70% attendance at meetings, current dues and past dues paid; have a set amount of dues in the by-laws.

Treasurer's report: Connie sent a report of \$89,663.75. A deposit was made today from Benvity.

Two new members joined. Welcome to Jon and Jackie Haupt.

Becky gave an update on the craft show – 18 vendors inside – but moved outside because the day was so beautiful. Vendors did well. They were happy. She hopes to bring the craft show in the spring, during the Bang and the fall.

The quilters were asked to be here to talk about what they can do financially to help with the building finances. They are in the building two hours a week. We will continue to accept the quilters donations and then get back in touch with them about moving forward.

Amy discussed trying to rent the modular rooms out (BD parties/events etc.). We should continue to explore what the library can do to set up a remote library here.

Richard talked about the Masons using the modular for two times a month – they are willing to pay \$300/month. Lions' club may be interested in renting some space from the LCA.

Jon mentioned to use the local Boy Scout Eagle Scouts to help with the installation of the playground. Boy Scout Troop 26 is the local scout troop. Michelle Cusimano may be the contact for the local Boy Scouts. She can be contacted at 740/396/9155.

The group held a discussion the about maintenance of the building long term. Ideas were shared about how to raise funds to maintain the building.

The playground equipment was ordered. It may take nine months for delivery to Butch Winslow's garage.

The group discussed getting estimates to install the equipment so that payments could be made before 2023.

Christmas in the Village is happening but no date yet. Jim Lynch and Danny Downs are putting it on. December 8 or December 15<sup>th</sup> 5-7 or 6-8.

Mark moved to donate \$800 to Christmas in Village fund. Mary Ann second. Motion passed.

Amy is working on blighted property/tax delinquency issues from the prosecutor's office.

Rhonda will buy 5 fruit baskets for the new residents.

Amy announced her involved in Christmas Clearinghouse and coat drive if others are interested in participating.

Mark moved to donate \$500 to church community Christmas baskets. Mary Ann seconds. Motion passed.

Red Cross Blood Drive – Methodist Church 10/29/22 at 8 am to 2 pm.

Next meeting is November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 pm