

LCA Meeting Notes for July 12, 2022

Present: Mary Ann Snyder, John Boyd, Sally Hughes, Phyllis Butterworth, Ron Scharer, Dr. Michael McCleese, Connie Kendall, Rhonda Burggraf

Connie opened with prayer.

Sally Hughes, Phyllis Butterworth, Ron Scharer and Dr. McCleese were guests at the meeting. They talked about the presence of Radon in the LaRue area and the hazards of Radon. Sally said they are non-experts. She has strong ties to Marion. She and her father were diagnosed with cancer, and she wants to give back to the community.

They started a 501(c)(3) called Cancer Coalition of North Central Ohio. This organization wants to help to fill the financial and information gaps for those who may need to have their homes screened for Radon; need to mitigate the Radon in their homes; help with mammograms; colon screenings and other needs for cancer treatment.

Phyllis Butterworth then talked about Radon. It is an odorless colorless radioactive gas. It comes from the earth's decay. All 88 counties have Radon. Radon increases your risk of getting lung cancer. Exposure can come from your home. The more length of time that you are in your home, the risk increases. They believe that lung cancer in non-smokers can be caused by Radon. If a resident is a smoker and is exposed to Radon, that person is a 10 times more likely to get lung cancer.

Ohio has a Radon level map. A normal Radon level is 4. LaRue has a level reading of 12. This is an elevated reading of radon.

Ron Scharer then spoke about testing your home for Radon. Ron is a cancer survivor. If you want to have your house tested for Radon you go to ohio.randon.com. A test kit is sent to you in the mail. You place the kit in the basement or in the house. You send it back it in and you get the test results in the mail. If you are more than a "4" there are some techniques to clean your house up from Radon. This is called mitigation. There are currently plenty of free test kits.

It costs approximately \$1500 to mitigate the house if there is an elevated Radon score. The process involves installing a fan and ventilation system to circulate air in the home.

Sally indicated their group can help with off-setting expenses for those who may not be able to pay for the mitigation process. They can also help walk someone through the mitigation process. Sally asked about how they could get information out to the residents of LaRue about radon levels and how to address elevated levels. They want to help with awareness and help address all cancer related needs in the community.

Our guests then left the meeting.

Lindsay asked if they can use the modulars for VBS. The Village has not leased the LCA the building yet but council meets tomorrow. To the extent that the LCA can give permission to the Church, we gave our permission.

The next meeting of the LCA will be held at the Stofcheck's home. Connie suggested a debriefing meeting for the Bang. Suggestions were made to put flags at the beginning of the parade. Another suggestion was to have an area for an inside eating area.

The FD contributed \$220 to the toilets. The FD said that there were recommendations about moving the beer garden away from Coonies. There was law enforcement concern about drinks going into and out of Coonies (because of different beer licenses). FD did well with the beer garden. Need to order a dumpster earlier on next year. The bb game should be moved to a different location. Would be nice if could put the kids' games on the lot next to Coonies (lot still in probate).

Hopefully (but not likely) that the hardware store will be torn down by the land bank by next Bang.

Connie said that she still had shirts that were paid for (and some that were not paid for). Almost all shirts were sold. Only three smalls left. We have not seen the money from the poker run. The Ohio Health money came in.

LCA spent \$5376.10 paid to Ryan Eisely. The FD gave us \$220 for the toilets. Donations were \$14,419.90. The total money taken in for the festival was \$22,666.25. The total money spent was \$20,854.26 spent. The current net proceeds are \$18,231.89. Treasurer's report: Connie reported a balance of \$72,588.30.

An order was placed (we think) for the playground equipment. We have not been invoiced yet. The group agreed to hire Johnson Property Services to begin the landscaping for the new park. Butch Winslow will store the park equipment prior to its installation.

Barbara got a DVD from the Football Hall of Fame but she is unable to play it on her DVD player (Blue Ray player issue?)

The thank you for the Bang sponsors will be in the County Classified this week and next week. The cost was \$153.00 (ish).

July 28th meeting will be at 7 pm at Stofcheck's home.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.