

TE CERT MINUTES

February 17, 2021

Attendance: Laura Freese, Sharon Denson, Steve Watkins, Tom Briggie .Charlie Rizzo, Bruce Smith, David Bliss, Judy Brunett, John White, Carol White, Ann King, Dan Smith, Mary Lou Smith, Barry Campbell, JoAnn Campbell

Meeting called to order by Laura Feese at 10:00 am.

Laura introduced Barry and JoAnn Campbell, already CERT members, who have moved here from Massachusetts. Sharon will get them back packs from the County.

The pledge to the flag was followed by the Secretary's report and Treasurer's report (\$1,577.97) which were both approved by the membership.

David reported on the trailer work. Dave and Charlie continue the trailer work. They stabilized the panels to get the warp out.

HAM Radio classes: He has finished three of the four lectures to prepare participants to take the Test on Saturday. They do not accept credit cards for the \$15.00 cost of taking the test. Take cash.

David passed out the laminated phonetic alphabet to the HAM operators.

HAM Equipment: Dan reported that we need an interface and a two band radio for the trailer. We may need other things. The operators will get together prior to Hurricane season and bring a recommendation to the membership. There was a suggestion that someone from EOC and/or ARES to attend to discuss transmitting to/from EOC.

Tom said he would continue looking at Donations/Grants: We could buy shirts with grant money, and HAM equipment.

Associate Membership. Sharon moved and Steve seconded motion to accept members. Tom Briggie, Judy and Jim Brunett, and Charlie Rizzo were unanimously voted in.

CERT Coalition Meeting: Sharon reported that a hybrid class is being designed to combine online and in person CERT classes to spread instructors out and present more classes. Sarasota is doing it, but Manatee County will probably adopt it. All will be online except for a 2 hour practical (hands on) exam at the end.

Sharon and Laura are trained as trainers. Sharon is registering with the State College of Florida to assist with their CERT Training classes. Sharon reported that she could order free manuals and hand-outs. She will order 20 manuals, 3 instructor manuals (two for our trainers and one for the fire department (to familiarize them further about what we are trained to do), and 100 copies of the hand out.

New Business:

The membership voted to suspend programs and breakfasts for the remainder of the season. Sharon will reschedule the programs for fall.

Laura reported that we could do a Zoom Active Shooter Class per Officer Ralston. It was decided to wait until fall and re-schedule a live class for residents

Laura also reported that she had spoken to Search and Rescue members, who advised calling them before the police (not instead of) in an emergency (missing person). They can react more quickly and time is of the essence.

Laura announced that TE has purchased rights to a lot of movies for the next year. She wondered if we could use a movie event as a fund raiser. Laura will get more details and we will re-visit the issue in the fall.

Meeting Schedule: the meetings will be the third Wednesday at 10:00 am.

Laura spoke to Mary Chandler about another drill with the fire department, with CERT involved in the planning. We discussed having live actors rather than using dummies for the drill. The membership thought it was a good idea. Laura will get back with Mary.

We need a CERT Bulletin Board at the office or Post Office.

Steve showed some magnetic CERT decals for vehicles in an emergency situation. Each team will get one for their vehicle. David will look into attaching to golf carts. The 12 inch decals are \$32.00 each. Sharon moved and John seconded motion to buy 6 decals. Steve will get with Bruce and order them.

Steve presented Sharon and Laura 4 inch "Instructor" decals.

Motion by Steve, seconded by Judy, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Mary Lou Smith

Secretary