

CERT Minutes

March 22, 2023

CERT Meeting

Attendance: Dan and Mary Lou Smith, Tom Briggie, Steve Watkins, Jim Brunette, Mary Wadman, Charlie Rizzo, Don and Mickey Mattson, Barry and JoAnn Campbell, Laura Freese

Laura began the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

Minutes of the February meeting approved as written.

Treasurer's report: We have \$2,933.82 in our account as of today.

Old Business

Breakfast feedback:

Moving the ticket table to the center of the room worked well to even out the waiting at stations.

We need a "flag" to identify the ticket table so that it will be visible when people enter the room.

Mary suggested that we have a "change jar" for donations of loose change.

Purchases before the next breakfast: paper towels, donated Styrofoam for Mary.

Breakfast dates for next year are: January 8, February 12, March 11, and April 8. 120 tickets will be sold for each breakfast. It is highly probable that many more booklets of tickets will be sold next year. They have been a success.

CERT Coalition: Laura read Sharon's report to the group. Steve Parks was very excited about the new HAM operators and praised Dan and Tom for continuing to work with them. Dan and Tom have helped the newbies program their radios and practice using them.

HAM Radio Class: Dan reported that 10 of the 13 students in the class passed the licensing exam. Dan could run a class in April for the general license.

Tom gave an update on the weekly ARES weekly check-ins.

Trailer: Steve will schedule a time to put on decals.

Mary Lou confirmed that tourniquets and scissors have been received. They will be available at the first drill we have.

Trailer license plate renewals may be due this summer. Dan will check. Members voted to pay for the tags if they are due.

Radios: Tom is still missing emergency radios. If you have a CERT radio (walkie-talkie) at home, let Tom know. He is trying to locate the rest of them. We have enough magnetic identification signs for all vehicles in an activation. They will be kept with the radios and handed out to persons who activate for an emergency.

Steve has totally organized the trailer and has the totes marked. It is working well for him to re-pack the totes to go back into the trailer after the breakfasts. He has asked Cathy F. to help him on breakfast day.

New Business:

Mary Lou inventoried the surplus breakfast equipment. Members voted to dispose of broken griddles and donate the remaining saleable items to the TE Auxiliary for their sale. Mary Lou will deliver.

The Hurricane Expo is May 18th at the Convention Center in Palmetto. TE CERT will have a table and ARES will have a table beside ours. Contact Sharon if you would like to volunteer to be at the table. The expo is an excellent place to meet vendors and pick up information. They also have good things that they give away.

Chris Ralston, our community police officer will present a class on "Active Shooter" for our April 19th meeting. The public is invited.

Laura will be gone May 15 thru June 10th.

Dan and Mary Lou will be gone during the months of May, June, and August.

Steve brought up the idea of an Attic Sale at Bayshore Gardens. It will be discussed later.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am

Mary Lou Smith

Secretary

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