

October 20, 2021 CERT Minutes

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM by Laura Freese with pledge to the flag

Present: Cathy Faggioni, Donald Mattson, Mickey Mattson, Barry Campbell, JoAnn Campbell, Charlie Rizzo, Steve Watkins, Ann King, Laura Freese, Mary Wadman, Sharon Denson, Guest: Dan Tuttle

Motion by Steve with second by Charlie to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Motion passed.

Mary Wadman was recognized for her obtaining her General HAM license. Laura had baked cupcakes and made coffee to celebrate. Great cupcakes. Mary received a standing ovation for her accomplishments.

David Bliss was thanked for repairing the signs for the golf carts and Dan and Mary Lou for the donation of the shelving units for the CERT trailer.

CERT has a bank balance of \$1026.35. The only expense since last month was the purchase of the trailer balls for the two trailers.

The Communication Plan as developed by our Communication Committee was approved with a motion by Steve and a second by Barry. Many compliments to the committee and Tom for the putting it together. The plan will go forward to Emergency Management Widget Work Group.

Sharon was asked to research the legality of loaning assets of CERT to individuals. The Trailer Estates CERT Bylaws prohibit the loaning of any of the assets of CERT to any member or individual. The Bylaws are in conformity with the IRS requirements for a 501 C 3.

The dates for the Breakfast were announced, Jan 10th, Feb and March 14th and April 18th. Motion by Cathy and second by Mary to allow Mary Lou and Sharon to purchase the supplies for the breakfasts with the CERT credit card. Motion passed. The members also decided to invite Emergency Management and Cedar Hammock as our guests for the Breakfast.

The Jan meeting will be a Stop the bleed class, Feb, Active Shooter, and March will be Search and Rescue. The residents of Trailer Estates will be invited to attend.

CERT will be presented to the COAD (Community Organizations Active in a Disaster) on October 26th. This is the Emergency Operations Center Desk ESF 15 that we report to in a disaster. The members are not familiar with CERT.

We discussed recruiting, the Manatee County CERT website will be available soon and should assist. We also discussed the Activity Fair in February. We need to get another class started soon after the first of the year.

We will have a trailer work day in November. The trailers will be worked on in the lot where they are stored.

CERT members are going to donate a brick to the walkway to honor Bruce Smith. The funds will be donated by the members. CERT funds cannot be used for this purpose.

Motion to adjourn by Steve, second Mary. Meeting adjourned