

## TE CERT Minutes

Dec 20, 2023

Attendance: Dan and Mary Lou Smith, Sharon Denson, Laura Freese, Charlie Rizzo, John Ribeiro, Marie Young, Steve Watkins, Tom Briggie, Karon Murphy, Mary Welch

New Members: Steve Litschauer, Mark Mellenthin,

Laura called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

After the pledge to the flag, new members introduced themselves and were warmly welcomed into TE CERT.

October minutes were approved as presented. Treasurer's report: \$2703.39 in our checking account.

Tom commented on our last drill. He reported that community members were noticing us and had questions. It was a good opportunity for us to educate our community.

Sharon reported on the Basic CERT class. The class did very well. A trip to EOC was well attended by the new recruits. She anticipated another class at the end of February. It will be held at Bayshore Gardens due to scheduling difficulties at TE during the winter.

Sharon reported on the coalition. She was unable to attend the meeting, but said they continue to work on the "widget", renamed "AuxComm" for Auxiliary Communications.

Dan reported on the HAM class. There were 6 in the class. One already had his license and just wanted a refresher. Two will take the test later. Two took and passed the test. Dan and Tom will help the new licensees set up their radios and familiarize them with the procedures.

The first breakfast will be on Jan 8<sup>th</sup>. We will sell 125 tickets in addition to our first responder and TE maintenance guests. Ticket prices will be the same as last year. There will be a meeting at 2 pm on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at the beach to plan and assign tasks. Karon, Mary W and Tom will sell tickets from 10-12 on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.

Steve reported that the decals were all on the trailer.

Sharon suggested we buy more radios to use in the field in an emergency. Six radios were authorized. Tom will purchase. Dan will check on an old HAM radio in the trailer to gauge its usefulness.

Tom reported that we have use of some space in the storage shed to put some of our breakfast items.

The topic of a used refrigerator for breakfast storage was discussed. Up to \$150.00 was authorized to spend to purchase one.

Steve L informed the group that Firehouse Subs had grants that we would be eligible for. He will follow-up. He also volunteered to put on a presentation to us and the community about Hurricane Idalia with a PowerPoint presentation of approximately 45 minutes. He will be available for the April meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10

Mary Lou Smith, Secretary