

CERT MINUTES

November 17, 2021

Attendance: Sharon Denson, Jim Brunett, Charlie Rizzo, Cathy Faggioni, Mary Wadman, Donald and Mickey Mattson, Barry and JoAnn Campbell, David Bliss, Steve Watkins, Tom Briggie, Laura Freese, Dan and Mary Lou Smith

The meeting was called to order by Laura Freese at 10:03 am, followed by the pledge to the flag.

Sharon moved and Jim seconded the motion to accept the secretary's report as written. Motion passed. Copies of the draft minutes were emailed to members prior to the meeting.

Dan reported that we have a total of \$1,032. Motion by Charlie, seconded by Steve to accept the report. Motion passed. Copies were made available to the members at the meeting.

David reported that he got enough scrap wood from the wood shop to make two more sign supports for golf carts. He will add the metal parts. Members can finish the signs. Strapping will also be needed. Sharon moved and Steve seconded the motion to authorize David to purchase supplies up to \$100.00 to finish the sign supports. Motion passed.

Trailer Update: Our Ham operators did some straightening and moving things between the trailers. Mary suggested painting the inside of the old trailer with a light-colored paint. Members agreed. Dan volunteered to furnish some white paint for the project. The lock on the trailer door needs modification so that someone cannot be locked in. The dates set for the group work days are January 5th at 9:30 am in the lot where the trailers are parked (rain date January 6th), and January 12th (rain date January 13th).

Dan gave a report on our radio status. The operators (Charlie, Dan, Mary, David, Tom, Ann and Barry) participated in a Manatee County ARES drill. Mary and Charlie spoke on a HAM radio for the first time and also checked in. As stated above, they did some organizing of the trailers before the drill. They started and ran the generator and sorted supplies. A power supply is needed (about \$100.00) as well as batteries. Dan will check on battery prices. The batteries will need to be stored off-site and a trickle charger needs to be used to keep them charged. David reported that Sam's Club has a longer warranty.

Dan said he would be willing to teach another HAM radio class for anyone interested. Persons from other teams are welcome. He needs at least four students and can take up to 12. Mary Lou will put the notice in the Tribune. Sharon will notify other teams when dates are set. Persons interested in the class do not have to be CERT members.

Computer needs of the radio operators are complete currently. Toni Smith donated a computer that belonged to Bruce. Dan will check it out and if it is usable, and we could sell it to raise funds.

Sharon reported that coordinating the Emergency plans for TE and CERT are still being worked on.

Sharon reported on the CERT coalition. Manatee County is trying to recruit new members to the teams in the County. A training class is being held at EOC in January. Sharon and Mary Lou have been asked to do some of the teaching. The coalition is also working on resources for the teams.

Our first fund-raising breakfast will be held January 10th from 9-11. The cost will be \$8.00 per person. We discussed raising the prices. It is a fund raiser for CERT and food costs have risen. It will be limited to 100 due to the "cooked on the spot" nature of the menu. Mickey and Don will sell tickets on Jan 6th from 1-3. They usually sell out on the first day, but we can ask for set of volunteers if we need a second day. Tom will bring the trailer to the kitchen area parking lot the night before. We can put things in the refrigerator in the kitchen the night before. That will make things much better for the day of the breakfast. Sharon will prepare a letter on our stationery for Steve to take to Panera to get their excess pastries for our breakfasts.

Our educational classes are confirmed:

"Stop the Bleed" will be January 19th, "Active Shooter" will be February 16th, and "Search and Rescue" will be March 16th. All will be in the small hall at 10 am. Seating is limited to 125.

There will be a memorial service for Bruce Smith at 2 pm on Sunday, December 19th. CERT members are making individual donations toward a brick (cost of an engraved brick is \$100.00). As a non-profit, we cannot take money from the treasury to purchase the brick.

There will be several members taking a "field trip" to EOC this afternoon, for a tour and presentation by Steve Litschauer, head of Emergency Management for Manatee County.

Mary Lou moved to adjourn the meeting. Sharon seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:15