

CERT Meeting Notes  
2024

February 26,

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm

Attendees:

Melissa Barringer  
Karen Scheuerer  
Tim Jenkins  
Linda Green  
Danielle Carter  
Debbie Saint Sing  
Millicent Cosmas (by phone)  
Mark Grisar

Congratulations were extended to Melissa, Karen, Tim, Danielle Mark and Millicent for completing last Saturday's CPR/Stop the Bleed/Narcan training and to Linda for completing the OEM CERT Basic Training and to Paul Ruffins for re-certifying.

According to page 127 of the Official CERT Manual, four independent study courses are suggested for CERT first responders. Melissa moved and Karen seconded changing the Mt. Rainier CERT By-laws to reflect this list. Motion passed unanimously.

Danielle will bring this up at next council meeting to determine what action is needed in order to change the resolution to match our by By-laws with the CERT manual.

Mark will see whether Rachel can fix a programming problem with Google Sheets regarding data entry for the training tracker spread sheet.

CERT calendar of Spring events:

1. Safety briefing with Rainier Manor Residents - Karen will soon call a meeting with a subcommittee (Debbie, Danielle, Linda, Mark and Karen) to devise a plan and dates.
2. Roots and Shoots first aid training, led by Melissa, Tim and Linda will occur March 17.
3. Easter Egg Hunt, April 6, will be attended by any volunteers who may be interested, at the Nature Center, 10 am to noon.
4. Mt. Rainier Day, May 18. We will have a table set up and volunteers present throughout the event.
5. University Park 5K Run, May 4. Begins at 7:30 am. Looking for volunteers to attend and help out.

Linda noted that there was some helpful training at her CERT event last Saturday, and some good connections were established. A group from Hyattsville attended, as that community gathers momentum for their own CERT organization.

CERT spent \$561.00 on last Saturday's CPR/Stop the Bleed training, \$390.00 of which was to pay the trainers.

There is \$1,592.95 left in our budget.

We have an upcoming bill for Website renewal (\$192.00 + tax).

Other upcoming expenses:

Purchase of give-aways, such as pens, sunglasses, mini first aid kits, flashlights, pet stickers, fridge magnets, etc.

Purchase of first aid supplies for our use at events. (Danielle is providing Vials of Life for distribution.)

Purchase of five additional radio walkie-talkies to complement our current five.

Tim moved and Karen seconded that we spend what is needed to acquire the above three categories of expenditures. Motion passed unanimously.

Danielle has loaned part of her stash of CPR practice dummies and AED device to anyone wanting to use them. Mark currently has them. If you want to borrow the items, contact him at [mgr4103@aol.com](mailto:mgr4103@aol.com).

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.