

Meeting called to order at 7:33

Attendees:

Melissa Barringer
Karen Scheuerer
Linda Green
Danielle Carter
Mark Grisar
Millicent Cosmas
Officer Cruz
Six members of the Police Explorers
Millicent Cosmas

Danielle opened with an update and discussion of the City's proposed CERT application requirements. CERT members are opposed to some aspects of these requirements (e.g., resumes) because they are off-putting and would discourage new applicants. Karen will speak at the next Council work session, Nov. 7, on these issues, especially with regard to our membership outreach. CERT members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

It was agreed that CERT will continue to provide water at community events, using our large canteen and supplemented by bottled water provided by the City. CERT has a stash of water in advance, to have ready in their storage room for future use.

Officer Cruz provided a description of the Police Explorers' mission, which includes service at community events, weekly meetings and trainings.

Melissa stated that we currently have \$2,824.00 in our treasury.

Mark described the traffic control training provided by the Anne Arundel Police Reserves that occurred last Saturday, Nov 21, attended by Melissa, Linda, Tim, Paul and Mark. The training included classroom instruction with a 29 page power point and in-the-street practice stopping and directing vehicles. The training provided the attendees with the skills to manage traffic in an orderly and proficient manner. Rachel attended a similar training on Oct 15th.

We purchased three whistles for use in this training and plan to purchase a handful of orange gloves for traffic management.

Two CERT members, Rachel and Mark, attended a meeting with the Mt. Rainier Volunteer Fire Department on October 10 to ask how CERT may assist them in their job. As it turns out, this group does not actually do fire fighting, though 3 of its members are currently certified firefighters. They offered us the use of a room for meetings and a large open space for conducting trainings for up to 136 participants.

To assist the County firefighters we need to make arrangements with the local County Fire Chief.

Melissa became the nominee for another term as President.

Upcoming trainings:

- Nov. 1 CPR/First Aid
- Nov. 4-5 CERT Basic Training
- Nov. 11 CPR/First Aid
- Nov. 20 CERT monthly meeting
- Nov. 21. Thanksgiving baskets
- Dec 2 5k Run – The Seaty Sweater Special

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.