

MARION-FRANKLIN AREA CIVIC ASSOCIATION'S
MONTHLY AGENDA
DECEMBER 11, 2007

1. CALL TO ORDER ROBERT PATTERSON
2. DEVOTION
3. MINUTES & CORRESPONDENCE DEBBIE DAVIS
4. SICK & SHUT-IN



SPEAKERS



OLD BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS . . SHIRLEEN ANDERSON & CLYDE WILLIAMS
- B. EDUCATION VIOLA WILLIAMS
- C. PROJECTS DEBBIE DAVIS
- D. CODE ENFORCEMENT ROBERT PATTERSON
- E. ZONING ROBERT PATTERSON
- F. AREA COMMISSION DEBORAH SMITH
- G. MEMBERSHIP BETTY LEWIS
- H. HEALTH & SAFETY

TREASURER'S REPORT BARBARA GREATHOUSE

NEW BUSINESS

6. ADDITIONAL NEWS
7. ADJOURNMENT WITH PRAYER

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

MARION-FRANKLIN CIVIC ASSOCIATION'S MINUTES

NOVEMBER 13, 2007

The meeting was called to order by our Vice President, Mr Clyde Williams at 7:00 p.m.

Devotion; Prayer by Reverend Tally

Mr Clyde Williams asked for a motion to temporary dispense with the meeting so that our speakers could give their presentations. It was motioned and seconded to temporary dispense with the meeting. Motioned passed by the majority.

SPEAKERS

1. **Joe Sweary**, Representative of Watkins Road Elementary . He presented the Civic with a thank-you card for our help with making their Fall Festival a success. He stated that they were able to raise \$1400.00, which will be used to take field trips and any supplies that are needed and not provided by the school.

He stated that there will be a Thanksgiving Community Feast at Watkins Elementary on Tuesday, November 20, which will consists of a lunch and activities. The activities will start at 10:00 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon. He is asking for volunteers to help with the activities and lunch, for more information, contact the school at 365-6411.

2. **Jo Ann St Clair**, Southside Neighborhood Liaison. She stated that Representative, Tracy Heard will be having a meeting on November 26, at the Southside Settlement House at 6:00 p.m. She will be discussing the lack of Credit Unions in our community.

There will be a Health Advisory meeting on November 27, at 6:00 p.m. at the Church for all People, which is located at the corners of Parsons and Whittier avenues.

3. **Mr Blackwood** discussed recycling and he stated that the City of Columbus and SWACO has partnered with the Columbus Public Schools to place a public recycling drop-off bin at most Columbus Schools. There are now nearly 200 places to recycle in Columbus Neighborhoods. It stated that the school that has the most to recycle could win a \$5000.00 prize, which was donated by Giant Eagle. For more information about recycling, call the Columbus 311 Service Center at 645-3111 or go to their website at www.swaco.org.

4. **John Harrelson**, Representative of Legal Aid, discussed the Litigation with Georgia Pacific concerning the Pond (Pit) at the plant. He stated that their Lawyers presented models and formulas to prove that the Pit was not dangerous to our health. Based on their findings Dr Hank Cole stated that there was a test that could be taken to help with our case but it would cost a total of \$37,000.00 and that the civic association would be responsible for the cost. After much discussion it was tabled.

It was motioned and seconded that we resume our meeting. Motioned passed by the majority.

The minutes were read in silence and it was motioned by Barbara Thornton and seconded by Mary Green that the minutes be approved as read. Motioned passed by the majority.

SICK & SHUT-IN

Mrs Greathouse was hospitalized, but is doing much better. She stated that she sent flowers to everyone who's name was turned in from last meeting. Shirleen stated that Mrs Small sent a card and she will turn it over to the secretary to be read at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

Shirleen stated that the committee will meet on November 26, to make the proper changes and have it ready for a vote in January.

B. EDUCATION

Mrs Williams stated that the leadership program at the Southside Settlement House is a program that teaches the youth how to become leaders. She also stated that the Freedom School will be having tutoring at the Marion-Franklin Recreation Center and that Southfield Baptist Church is also starting a tutoring program. For more information about the Southfield tutoring program call Michelle James at 497-9736.

C. PROJECTS

Debbie stated that our next project coming up is the Thanksgiving Basket Give-Away. There will be a total of 45 baskets given away and they will be given away on Tuesday, November 20, at the Southfield Baptist House starting at

12:00 p.m. We are asking for volunteers to help put the baskets together on Monday November 19 at 6:30 p.m. also at Southfield House. For more information contact Mrs Williams at 491-2614.

The Community Christmas Dinner will be held on December 1, at Southfield Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m. The ticket cost will be \$5.00. There will be a cash give-away and door prizes. We are looking for a saxophone player and a Santa Clause. The project committee will also be adopting 2 families. We asked for \$2300.00 for the expenses of this project. After some discussion, it was tabled until the executive board meets on November 26. The project committee is seeking volunteers to become part of this wonderful committee.

D. CODE ENFORCEMENT

NONE

E. AREA COMMISSION

Deborah Smith stated that the area commission is the neighborhood advisory board to the city council. She stated that she and Mr Patterson are trying to collect about 2200 signatures for the area commission and 750 signatures needs to be turned in by December 10, 2007. She stated that there will be a waiting period until February 10, 2008 for anyone that would have any objections and if there are no objections then we will have a area commission.

F. ZONING

Mr Patterson stated that CSX Railroad bought back Sills Ball Park and now they own all the land from Ace Iron and Metal all the way down to the Park. They are trying to buy Ace Iron and Metal, so all of there plans for their trucks are still in the planning stages. They are trying to keep all of their trucks from coming down Lockbourne or Watkins roads. Mr Patterson stated that the speed limit on Watkins road has been dropped down to 30 mph and that an extension of a half hour has been added to our signs, trucks cannot travel on Watkins road from 7:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. He stated that in six months he can reapply to have the speed limit dropped to 25 mph.

TREASURER'S REPORT

BEGINNING BALANCE AS OF 9/27/2007	\$3355.50
DEPOSIT	\$5732.63
PAID OUT	<u>\$1624.65</u>
ENDING BALANCE AS OF 10/31/2007	\$7463.48

Motioned by Mike Jones and seconded by Barbara Wood that the report be approved as read and ready for audit. Motioned passed by the majority.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr Patterson stated that the six major companies is willing to have a one-on-one discussion with the civic to try and come up with a working relationship.
2. Ms Mary Green had questions concerning the sidewalks that are being put down along Koebel and Fairwood Avenues.
3. It was reported that the sirens went off today, but they were not loud enough. They will go off every second Tuesday.

ADDITIONAL NEWS

1. Mr Patterson stated that the CSSO'S Corn Roast will be held on December 13 and the Columbus Steel Casting is hosting this event. The cost is \$11.00 and Mr Patterson is requesting funds to purchase some tickets. It was motioned by Mike Jones and seconded by Barbara Greathouse that the funds be made available to purchase the tickets. Motioned passed by the majority.

OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES PRESENT

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| 1. ROBERT PATTERSON | PRESIDENT |
| 2. CLYDE WILLIAMS | VICE PRESIDENT |
| 3. DEBBIE DAVIS | SECRETARY |
| 4. BARBARA GREATHOUSE | TREASURER |

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| 1. BARBARA THORNTON | TRUSTEE |
| 2. DEBORAH SMITH | TRUSTEE |
| 3. WALLACE WYATT | TRUSTEE |
| 4. BARBARA WOOD | TRUSTEE |
| 5. SHIRLEEN ANDERSON | TRUSTEE |
| 6. VIOLA WILLIAMS | TRUSTEE |
| 7. JEANICE KELLY | TRUSTEE |

After no further discussion the meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Mr Williams

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Davis, Secretary