

FLORENCE AREA COMMUNITY COALITION (FACC)
DECEMBER 7, 2016
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
SIUSLAW LIBRARY, BROMLEY ROOM
FLORENCE, OR

President, Karen Earnshaw called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

Those present were: Erin Reynolds, Stephanie Shepard, Maggie Bagon, Linda Yoder, Melissa Ann Livingston, Amber Tucker, Greg Wood, Karen Earnshaw, Pamela Long, Nancy Glines, Linda Weight, Sandi Young, Ivy Meadow, Christina Ory, Sandy Davidson, Steve Wearedress, Linda Castro and Monica Kosman.

The Minutes of the November 2, 2016 meeting were approved after a motion by Linda Weight and a second from Linda Castro.

Treasurer Pamela Long reported a balance of \$4014.00 as of December 1, 2016. There are currently 15 memberships. Funds are still coming in from the Aging in Place Event held in September. Pamela reminded everyone that it is possible to receive a free membership in FACC by entering a business card or name of your group in the entry box for a drawing.

Board members shared information. Linda Weight told the group about information and events at the Library during December. Monica Kosman reminded the group about the annual Light up a Life Event. Linda Castro provided information about the Warming Shelter. Volunteers, air mattresses, and sheets are needed. Food is provided for Warming Shelter guests. Pamela Long informed all that David Weigan, Executive Director of SOS and former FACC Board member is leaving Florence. His last day will be December 16. Wednesday December 21 is National Homeless Persons Memorial Day. City Lights Cinema will be collecting items for the homeless from 10 AM until 6 PM. There is a need for tents and tarps, gloves, socks, and gift cards. Sleeping bags, coats shoes and fleece blankets are wanted. Karen Earnshaw reported that Habitat is working on three houses. They are building a house on 101 and 37th. She asked that members stop by and thank the volunteers working on the house, perhaps bring a lunch. Habitat has a Grant to repair and rehab houses.

Introductions

Karen introduced Erin Reynolds, Florence City Manager, who in turn introduced Stephanie Shepard, the new Management Analyst for the City.

Networking News

Linda Yoder, PFLAG, announced a PFLAG Event in the Bromley Room on Tuesday December 6, at 6:30 PM to include a White Elephant Sale. She told the group that a Cantata will take place on at 10:30 AM on December 18 at the Methodist Church and a Blue Christmas Service will take place on the 19th at the Lutheran Church.

The Humane Society is in need of a larger building. Fundraising will begin to provide shelter and a gift shop. 2017 spring will bring an education program concerning the spaying and neutering of animals. Subsidies are available for spaying animals.

Amber Tucker announced that Parenting classes are held on Mondays at the Library at 10:30 AM. There is a need for diapers and wipes.

Christina Ory, Siuslaw High School, spoke to the group about vocational rehabilitation and job training.

Greg Wood said that the Free Wednesday night meals at local churches would resume in January 2017. They have the funding. Flyers would be posted at Safeway, Fred Meyer, and the Post Office concerning the program. He asked that anyone who has a trailer, RV to loan or give away contact the Presbyterian Church. They have families with kids who could use them.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM

Monica Kosman
FACC Secretary