



MINUTES OF THE LEBANON VALLEY COMMUNITY CORPORATION (LVCC)  
HELD ON March 14, 2024 at Town Hall

**Present:**

Erminia Rasmussen (President), Gregg Carroll, Danielle Kuffel, Sharon Powers

**Advisors present:** Tistrya Houghtling

**Guest:** Mark Baumli

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:04am by Erminia Rasmussen

**MSC:** To approve the minutes of the February 8, 2024, meeting was made by Gregg Carroll, seconded by Erminia Rasmussen. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

As of February 28, 2024, we have \$9899.99 in the account. Treasurer's report attached.

**MSC:** To approve the Treasurer's report was made by Sharon Powers, seconded by Danielle Kuffel. Motion approved.

**Cemetery of the Evergreens** – presented by Mark Baumli

The grant for Cypress Hill was applied for by the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) and Bitsy. Will hear something in April. The cemetery sent letters out for donations and received \$16,130. The grant they applied for was about \$3500. When they first wanted to apply for the grant, they had about \$2500, but someone gave in a donation for \$10,000. The rest of the people sent in donations ranging from \$25 to \$675. The LVCC collected \$3000. \$19,130 in total came in.

Mark wanted to know if the LVCC wanted to sign off on any expenditures before payment but it was agreed we did not need to be on such a committee. Mark wanted to send all the money received for Cypress Hill to the LVCC and use us as a pass-through.

**MSC:** To authorize money coming to the LVCC from the Cemetery of the Evergreens for expenditures they will need in the future was made by Erminia Rasmussen and seconded by Gregg Carroll. Motion approved.

**Senior List for Survey**

Should we still be mailing out a card? We should create a survey and send it to the 146 emails that we have as a test to see what type of response we get. Erminia will make a list of 10 things she condenses from the suggested lists to include on the survey and have it ready for the next LVCC meeting. (April 11)

**Fundraising for Summer Camp Program**

There are about 70-80 campers who attend, paying \$384, \$810, or \$1620 for the 8-week program, depending upon their residency status. LVCC would like to do a fundraiser for families in need and ask businesses to get involved. We need to set parameters of who gets the money. Create an ask for the sponsor – child's tuition

for summer camp – income-eligible for SNAP Benefits. Gregg will create a separate PayPal button for this – should be about 10 kids total, but not sure. If people want to donate for summer camp specifically for certain people, should contact Tistrya. You can make a donation to the town and the town board with specific intent.

Will put the donation part on the enrollment form. Erminia will send Tistrya wording before the April meeting and this will be put on Facebook and on the April Town Board agenda. Will ask Abbe Shoob to help visit businesses to get money in for the SYP.

### **Holiday Gift Drive**

Thank-you notes were sent from the Town but the LVCC was not mentioned – hope to have our name on thank-yous in the future as well as the Town.

### **School Supplies**

For any project we deal with, one of our board members should be point of contact, not an advisor. Tistrya will connect us to the right person.

### **Poster for LVCC**

We need to come up with an information poster about the LVCC to help get the word out about what we do and how residents can participate. Sharon will design this and we will try to get it posted around town and on the Town website.

### **Town Backing of LVCC**

It was agreed that the LVCC would request money from ARPA funds for LVCC activities, including the senior survey and maybe the design of the LVCC poster. Any fees Sharon receives for this will be donated to the LVCC.

### **Grants**

Peckham Industries said no, but we can (and Gregg will) appeal the decision. She did apply to the Reeves Foundation as the park will be beneficial to neighboring counties as well. There is no other inclusive playground around in Columbia County.

We are committed to a playground that is all-inclusive and ADA compliant, with sensory stations. Also want to make the bathrooms more ADA.

The Playground Committee has 6 people on it, including Tistrya as secretary/minutes taker, Craig Skerkis, Paul McCreary (chair), Pete McCagg and others. Tistrya will get Sharon the other names to put on the Town website.

Gregg has applied for \$260,000 in grants, mentioning the lack of inclusive playgrounds in the County and surrounding counties. Tistrya will send us a list of media people to get PR Releases regarding this.

**MSC:** To adjourn the meeting at 11:57 was made by Tistrya Houghtling and seconded by Gregg Carroll. Motion approved.

Next meeting: April 11, 2024 at 10am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Powers  
Secretary

