



MINUTES OF THE LEBANON VALLEY COMMUNITY CORPORATION (LVCC)
HELD ON December 19, 2024 via Google Meets

Present:

Erminia Rasmussen (President), Gregg Carroll, Sharon Powers, Sarah Conly

Advisors Present: Nina Keller

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:01am by Erminia Rasmussen

MSC: To approve the minutes of the November 21, 2024, meeting was made by Gregg Carroll, seconded by Erminia Rasmussen. Motion approved.

General discussion about the timeliness of the minutes and the ability for members to perform tasks discussed at each meeting. It was decided that Erminia would maintain a task list and send it out shortly after each meeting, so members know what is expected of them. Sharon agreed to try to get minutes out to the group as soon as feasible after each meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

There was about \$9500 in the gift drive contributions this year (which includes amount carried over from last year.) This was about \$2000 more than last year. \$625 was spent by the LVCC at Hilltown Pork for gift certificates. We will keep track of who uses them. Twenty-five families were given a \$50 gift certificate which consisted of \$25 from the LVCC and \$25 donated by Hilltown.

MSC: To purchase the gift certificates mentioned above was made by Erminia Rasmussen and seconded by Sarah Conly. Motion approved.

In the future, perhaps the LVCC can get gift certificates from other establishments in town such as Woodlife, Farmers Market, or Mavericks. This will be discussed next year before the 2025 Holiday drive.

LVCC CALENDAR:

Frank Abdale had proposed a calendar of what we are doing and when. Gregg started doing that and will try to do that again.

HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE:

Tistrya Houghtling requested money from the holiday gift drive for people who shop and to provide snacks for the wrapping session. She spent \$155 on the meal and \$25 for snacks this year.

MSC: to approve up to \$250 each season for food for people who shop and snacks for the wrapping session was made by Gregg Carroll and seconded by Erminia Rasmussen. Motion approved.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES PROGRAM:

There was \$172 left in the school supplies fund after HS needs were met. Gregg spent it on what was on the list for the elementary school, which was mostly Expo markers and whiteboards for them. They still would like another \$450 in supplies. We already spent \$366 for the High School supplies. Sharon suggested apportioning \$500 from the general fund to cover the rest of the supplies needed at the Elementary school.

MSC: To approve \$500 for school supplies for the Walter B. Howard Elementary School was made by Erminia Rasmussen and seconded by Sarah Conly. Motion approved.

BACKPACK FUND:

There is about \$180 left in the backpack fund, not enough to spend it on a full backpack. A question came up on how many kids still need to be served in the backpack program and what happens to surplus money. Gregg will investigate this for us by contacting Danielle Kuffel.

MSC: To accept the treasurer's report was made by Erminia Rasmussen and seconded by Sarah Conly. Motion approved.

MSC: to accept Irene Hanna's resignation from the LVCC was made by Erminia Rasmussen and seconded by Gregg Carroll. Motion approved.

GRANTS

Gregg reapplied for the T-Mobile grant and will keep reapplying. There has been no word on the Reeve grant.

NEW TRUSTEES

Dorothy Lamonaca is interested in joining the board. Silke Fuchshofen may be interested but is busy right now. We need to set up a date to meet with Dorothy. Another person showed interest in joining the LVCC but was told about the bylaw provision preventing chairs of Town committees from joining the LVCC. Need also to identify the LVCC's needs in our group. Qualities such as experience in fundraising and events, marketing & communications and public relations were brought up. Also suggested was getting in younger people and other people from other walks of life. We need someone to liaison with the school district, someone closely affiliated with the schools. It was suggested that evening meetings, via ZOOM, might allow more people to serve as trustees of the LVCC.

For the next meeting, we will invite candidates to attend and interview them after the meeting. Erminia will invite potential candidates individually and send them an agenda.

BYLAWS CLAUSE TO CHANGE

Sharon suggested that the LVCC Bylaw that prohibited people from joining the board if they were a member of a town board, employee, or chair of a committee should be revisited since it might be preventing good people from joining the LVCC. After a discussion, it was decided that we should amend this section. Gregg will draft a resolution to amend that section of the bylaws so we eliminate those restrictions.

Gregg would like everyone to think about people we should consider for the LVCC, especially people with the skills we seek. Maybe Frank Abdale will know how we could go about doing this.

ZOOM SUBSCRIPTION:

Gregg Carroll will setup the LVCC with a 3 year ZOOM subscription. Sharon agreed to send out meeting notices via ZOOM.

MSC: For Gregg to purchase a 3 year subscription to ZOOM, was made by Erminia Rasmussen and seconded by Gregg Carroll. Motion approved.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Monte Wasch used to send the PR to the media and Irene had agreed to do this. But now the position is vacant. Who will do this? Nina Keller said she would send them out until we have a board member to do it. Erminia will send Nina the list of Media.

FUNDRAISER FOR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The New Lebanon Community Center will most likely not serve as a good place for an official before/after school program because it might not pass the requisite certification needed, especially for a fenced-in outdoor recreation area. The school might be the only place that would make sense. This might not be something we want to pursue at this time. It was decided to table this for now. The LVCC will let the Town know that if they have a plan for the daycare, we can assist them.

SENIOR SURVEY

Mary Young will go over the list we now have with Sarah (after the holidays) so people who are no longer relevant to the list are removed (i.e. deceased or moved away). Sarah will pursue the connection with Neighbors in Columbia County and maybe the LVCC can help with financial sponsorship.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 16, via ZOOM, at 7pm.

MSC: To adjourn the meeting was made by Erminia Rasmussen at 11:17 and seconded by Sharon Powers. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Powers
Secretary