



MINUTES OF THE LEBANON VALLEY COMMUNITY CORPORATION (LVCC)
HELD ON February 13, 2025 via ZOOM

Present:

Erminia Rasmussen (President), Gregg Carroll, Dorothy Lamonaca, Sharon Powers

Advisors Present: Nina Keller, Tistrya Houghtling

Guest Present: David McGinness, William Shannon

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Erminia Rasmussen

MSC: To approve the minutes of the January 16, 2025, meeting was made by Gregg Carroll, seconded by Erminia Rasmussen. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Gregg has looked into the new account system and likes it. Erminia Rasmussen likes the new way the Treasurer's report lists the division of restricted and unrestricted funds. Gregg has apportioned the software system and ZOOM fees from the grant from the startup fund. She did the annual filing for 6 months for DAR and for the New York Charity Bureau. Annual Federal SAM filing done as well.

Gregg requested that Sharon sign the copy of the resolution made at the last meeting and mail it to her. She will be sending her a copy to sign.

Erminia Rasmussen asked about the backpack program – since money is sent to the regional office, does the school know it is from us? No, they don't. Fee is \$273/backpack. We need to figure out a way for the school to know we are contributing this money.

VISA card from LVCC for disaster relief (\$250) – we are ordering a custom one from a company that makes it. \$5 charge/card. Everyone is ok with the wording now on the card. Gregg will purchase two of them so we are ready if someone needs it – will not have a logo on it but she will put a sticker with our logo on ones she orders.

SENIORS REQUESTING ASSISTANCE:

William and David know we did the survey and know the responses, but they need help since they are personally fulfilling many of the seniors' requests. Requested that people on the LVCC physically help them. LVCC is not equipped to do this, but was serving as a facilitator to find people who could help. (Neighbors Helping Neighbors was another option but they charge per person – perhaps we can do this without the charge.)

Tistrya Houghtling suggested that once the seniors receive the list of people willing to help, they might find a coordinator among them who could not only help, but organize the others to help so William and David do not

physically have to do this. Erminia Rasmussen will turn over the data sheet to David. It was agreed that after Erminia sends out the list, Tistrya, Dorothy, Sarah Conly & David will meet to talk about next steps.

Nina Keller sent out an email about Meals on Wheels (MOW). Eriminia forwarded this to David. We had a discussion on improvements that MOW needs. Maybe "Recovery Kitchen" would be a good alternative. Dorothy Lamonaca will reach out to Recovery Kitchen to see if they could come to New Lebanon, perhaps using the Community Center as a drop off location. Right now only 4-5 people in New Lebanon get MOW and if they do not qualify otherwise, have to pay for these meals. Dorothy will take the lead and help us explore the options of Recovery Kitchen.

GRANTS:

We were denied the Reeve grant. T-Mobile was also denied but Gregg will resubmit. She hopes that the new Grant Station that LVCC will subscribe to pans out. We are still waiting on Grant Station.

REQUEST FOR DONOR NAMES:

Tistrya Houghtling requested the names of donors to the Holiday Gift Drive. Gregg did share a list of business names but not individuals. Discussion about how the LVCC should be publicly thanking people who donate, but keeping private the names of those who wish to remain anonymous. Would like to list names in the newsletter and on the website as does other not-for-profits (i.e. the New Lebanon library routinely lists their donors). Sharon Powers pointed out that listing names could help the LVCC get more people to donate and that people like to be recognized. We have tabled this discussion until the next meeting where we hope to have a resolution. In the meantime, Gregg will give the list of people who donated to the holiday gift drive for this year so they can be thanked by Tistrya.

PRESS RELEASES

Press releases were sent out by Nina Keller but we had no inquiries because the stories were too old. We need to do press releases in a more timely fashion, come up with a schedule of when press releases should come out. The camp applications go out soon and maybe a press release about raising money for this should be sent out.

SUMMER CAMP

Discussion about whether the LVCC should cover summer camp for needy New Lebanon families again and if, this time, we should also cover swim lessons and field trips. Discussion about changing the program to cover more than summer camp for youth in New Lebanon so other programs can be assisted by the LVCC if and when they come up.

MSC: For the LVCC to cover swim lessons, field trips, and tuition for the 2025 Summer Youth Program (SYP) for qualifying New Lebanon residents who apply for assistance from LVCC was made by Sharon Powers and seconded by Gregg Carroll. Motion approved.

MSC: That the LVCC will create a fund for youth activities in New Lebanon, from which it will pay SYP fees agreed to in the previous motion (above) made by Gregg Carroll, seconded by Erminia Rasmussen. Motion approved.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 6, via ZOOM, at 10am. Sharon Powers will send out the ZOOM invitation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Powers
Secretary