

Minutes
Chardon Community Action Team Meeting
March 19, 2019

Attendance: Jeff Campbell, Thalia Hutter, Lynn Kempf, Matt Petersen

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Matt Petersen moved and Jeff Campbell seconded the acceptance of the February 19th minutes. The motion passed with Lynn abstaining.

The financial report was presented by Thalia Hutter. Since the beginning of 2019 CCAT has paid \$395.00 toward the registration fees of Y2Y students attending Nordonias Winter Retreat, \$92.00 for CCAT's postal box and \$50.00 annual dues to CSA. The balance in the checking account is \$6918.63. Matt moved the acceptance of the financial report, Lynn Kempf seconded and the motion passed.

Maple Festival Parking, April 25 to 28: Jeff reported that Chardon City Council has formally agreed that CCAT can park cars in the Municipal Lot during the Festival. CCAT members have signed up to help. Matt has asked 4-H youth leaders to assist on Saturday. Thalia will contact Erika Hansen, Geauga Lyric Theater Executive Director, for help from Theater volunteers.

Splash Party, June 7: No report

National Night Out, Tuesday August 6: No report

Chardon School Foundation Run, July 4: Lynn moved that CCAT donate \$200.00 toward refreshments at the Run. Matt seconded and motion passed.

KidsFest, August 1: Matt recommended CCAT consider offering a different activity this year, replacing face-painting. When there has been a professional face-painter at KidsFest, CCAT volunteers can't compete and parents and kids have been critical. Thalia will speak with the coordinator of KidsFest, ask if she is counting on CCAT to do face-painting. We will further discuss it at the April meeting.

Car and Motorcycle Show, August 19: Matt has not learned if Chardon's Polka Band is available to preform at the Show. At April's meeting a final decision on a band will be made. Thalia said she will ask the man who owns a small novelty ice cream truck to attend in 2019. There was a lengthy discussion about providing other food. Thalia said that she heard complaints that the boiled hot dogs served in 2017. If CCAT were in charge of the food this year, she would like to find a method to grill the hot dogs. If we had a food truck again, CCAT would not see much profit, but CCAT would also not have to put in the time and work involved in preparing food. Thalia pointed out that CCAT's profit in 2018 was largely the result of generous supporters. Lynn volunteered to speak with Nate White about the Hunger Squad returning and what his donation would be. Jeff thinks that St. Mary's may have a grill to loan us. A member of St. Mary's would need to make the request. A final decision on providing food will be made at April's meeting. Thalia is hopeful that there will be a DeLorean at our show.

Thalia reported that the Chardon Chamber of Commerce car show is scheduled for Sunday, July 17 with a rain date the following Sunday. The Chamber will be requesting that Main St. be closed off for the 10-2 show. The Chamber's music will be provided by a DJ.

Family Day, September 24: No report

Lake-Geauga Recovery Centers Report: Matt said that tobacco compliance checks are being organized with a Rewards and Reminder Program. If a store does not sell to a minor, it will receive a congratulations card and for a sale the card will remind the seller that it is against the law to sell to a minor.

Twenty-six Chardon High School Seniors submitted application essays for CCAT's three \$500.00 scholarships. The three winners will need to be chosen before the school's May awards evening.

Committee Against Recreational Marijuana (CARM): Lynn, along with Linda Miller, Pat and John Leech, attended a meeting this morning (March 19) with Ohio Congressman David Joyce, who is presently Vice-Chairman of the Cannabis Caucus in Washington. Linda and Pat were well prepared. Goals for the meeting included sharing information about CARM, learning more about the Cannabis Caucus and Congressman's Joyce's position regarding the possibility of recreational marijuana coming into Ohio. The Congressman is against Ohio offering recreational marijuana. Both he and staff member Nick Ciofani recommended that CARM meet with our state legislatures and share our views. Ultimately, the decision on recreational marijuana will be made on the state level.

CARM has sent information on the harmful effects of e-cigarettes to all Geauga County school districts and members will be submitting letters to the editors of our local papers. Lynn will submit her letter from both CARM and CCAT. Lynn brought the Maple Leaf article about the bill in the Ohio legislature allowing hemp to be grown as an agricultural crop.

New Logo: Thalia said that her Grandson, Christian, is interested in creating a new logo for CCAT. He will work on it during his summer break from college.

Community Letter: Jeff has not been able to access Mary Alice's draft. Matt said he will work on putting it on CCAT stationary.

Drug Boxes: Matt has submitted information on the location of Geauga County drug drop boxes to a statewide online registry. He would like to have a postcard type flyer promoting the use of these boxes. Matt wants CCAT to pay for a professionally created flyer. Jeff suggested using the marketing department at Maple Leaf. Thalia will speak with Erica Hansen about the theater's advertising.

Jeff will arrange a meeting with a Maple Leaf staff member who is interested in writing an article about CCAT.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, APRIL 16 (Rescheduled for 4/18), 7 PM, CHARDON MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Lynn Kempf, Acting Secretary