

CERT Minutes 10/22/25

The meeting began at 7:04pm.

Present: Donna Apgar, Willie Corbisiero, Syrene Crowell, Barbara and Roland Kimmich, Carol Kouba, Doug McIntyre, Connie O'Grady, Ilene Schwartz, Vince Troiano, John and Maureen Tsadilas.

Dinner at tonight's meeting was donated by Hydro Flow Fire Protection. Maureen sent them a thank you note.

Ilene made a motion to accept the minutes with one correction. The amount CERT could spend on equipment should have been \$850.00. Members present accepted the minutes.

Old Business:

Vera Rumsey, Kenny London, and Brandon Smith are working on a Fire Wise program for Stillwater. It may be ready in November or December.

Search and rescue training has been scheduled for November 22.

Connie, Michelle, Donna, Maureen, and Barbara assisted with parking for a Green Township firefighter funeral. Thank you to everyone who volunteered for this community service. CERT received a thank you note from Green's former chief.

Maureen and Ilene helped with the Stillwater flu clinic.

Maureen and Michelle worked on a press release for the Herald and the Strauss newspapers for the upcoming CERT Basic Training Course.

Syrene attended a training in Vernon on how to approach people with substance abuse issues--how to talk to them. We may get this training at a CERT meeting next year.

Thanks to Connie for helping to organize the OEM room.

We did not participate in the Debbie Ann 5K run this year.

New Business:

There was no OEM report this month.

COVID is back.

CERT is taking over the community safety programs presented by the Sheriff's Department and the Prosecutor's Office. Maureen will work with Hilary Manser of the Sheriff's Department to schedule events for next year. The November 18th presentation 1:00- 2:00 will be about car theft device.

January 28th meeting, Amy Overman of JCPL will be presenting a lecture on Electrical Home Safety. Ilene asked if we wanted to open this meeting to the public.

Stillwater CERT now has a list of training requirements. Everyone presents received a copy, along with a snap shot list of events from the year. Ilene is creating a spreadsheet that would list members' trainings.

According to Ilene, Lisa said that we could issues waivers on certain requirements to people who, for good reason, are unable to meet the yearly requirements.

Maureen said that, if CERT becomes a county-wide program, we could qualify for government funding. She also explained the difference between CERT and MRC.

Maureen explained the procedure on to how to excess and apply for the SIDS FEMA number so you can complete the two necessary online trainings, and the importance of completing them.

Doug found a vendor that could sell us yellow safety coats, complete with printing, for \$87.00. He made a motion to buy them and the members agreed. Maureen will order 10 for new members.

We can purchase yellow safety vests for \$10.00 each. Ilene moved to spend up to \$200 on purchasing them, and the motion was carried.

We received \$5.00 and \$10.00 donations at the Stillwater Fall Fest. Willie Corbisiero works for a third party safety company that maintains safety and security at work sites. His company donates to Stillwater CERT.

Maureen answered questions about the CERT Basic course for those interested in taking it.

The next meeting is on November 19. There is no meeting in December.

The flag salute was done at the end of tonight's meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Kouba