

# CERT Minutes

12/15/2021

Attendance: Dan Smith, Mary Lou Smith, Cathy Faggioni, Mary Wadman, Donald Mattson, Mickey Mattson, Charlie Rizzo, JoAnn Campbell, Barry Campbell, Tom Briggle, Sharon Denson

Sharon called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Laura was ill.

The pledge to the flag was followed by the approval of the November minutes (Mickey, Cathy).

Dan reported a total of \$1,015.66 (C – \$671.36, S – \$344.30) on hand. Charles Schwab donated \$50.00. John from Whitfield secured the donation and Sharon sent him a “Thank You” note.

Old Business:

Dan gave a HAM radio update. There was nothing new since the last meeting and it is too early to schedule classes for fall.

The next Manatee County CERT training class is full (25). Sharon and Mary Lou will be assisting with the training. They will also be assisting with the Sarasota County Hybrid training class. They will advertise our HAM classes at those events.

We will probably need a deep cycle battery for back-up in the equipment trailer. Dan also discussed the need for large wheels on the generator to help with its movement. It will be discussed further at the January 5<sup>th</sup> (9:30) trailer workday. We also need a 20-to-30 amp power supply (about \$100.00) for HAM radio operation.

Tom reported on the Manatee County Emergency Services Communications Coalition. He presented a four page document prepared by the coalition that was part of a presentation outlining the work and progress of the group. Tom has completed level 1 MCEMG training on Emergency Services organization and forms ICS 213 and 214. He can in-service us on the forms. Sharon will send out the radio procedures again to members. Tom could also do a brief training on the forms for new training classes.

Tom reported that the TE Yacht club members were requesting information about filling out our notification forms. Cathy is keeping the database up to date.

Sharon reported that the Manatee County Coalition she serves on will meet in January.

We will try to schedule a training class for persons interested in joining CERT in March.

A sign-up sheet was passed around for helping with our CERT breakfast, our first funding activity of the year. Laura will do the advertising.

A commemorative brick for Bruce Smith was discussed and donations from members totaled \$105.00. The cost of the brick is \$100.00. The remaining \$5.00 will be used to purchase supplies for his memorial service. CERT members will be making cookies for the service on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. (Charlie, Sharon). Mary Lou will take the form and the money to the office.

Meeting adjourned at 10:54 (Dan, Tom)