

Present were Pastors James Lafolette, Rod Hardin (arrived 4:19 pm), and Jeff Snell. Terry Cummings and Daniel Maxwell were excused. Staff members in attendance were Larry Fetter and Lilly Alarcon-Strong and members from the public

James opened the meeting with prayer at 4:09 pm.

New Business

Recycle Day Update

Parks and Recreation Director Larry Fetter presented the committee with updates on the Second Annual Recycling Event that will be held April 9th from 9am to 3pm. Larry gave information on the layout of the recycling event and items that will and will not be accepted.

Jeff stated 16 individuals from his congregation have volunteered to help.

Larry stated he would like to focus next year on neighborhood clean-up events starting with the neighborhood behind Pizza Hut as it will be installing a new park. This would also be a great opportunity for code enforcement "participants" to clear out items.

(Rod arrived 4:19pm)

There was some discussion regarding being more specific on items that can be accepted at the appliance, furniture/misc, and compost stations.

National Day of Prayer

Dick Sargent stated the 65th anniversary of the National Day of Prayer will be Thursday, May 5th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the common area at Armand Larive Middle School. Dick stated there are 7 pillars of the community that will be speaking and praying at the event that were all very enthusiastic to participate in the event. Dick stated they are trying to reach out more to the Hispanic community with translation services on an overhead projector at the time of the speeches and prayers and with La Voz broadcasting live. They are also approaching different organizations and congregations to educate the public and get more people involved in the event. Flyers, posters, yard signs, and inserts have been made to publicize the event.

Dick stated there are seven individuals who use personal resources to organize and pay for the event that costs about \$1,200.00. Donations are and will be accepted at the door to help cover these costs.

The Committee thanked Dick for everything that he and those he is working with have done for this event.

Minutes

Jeff moved and Rod seconded to approve minutes from March. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

School's Backpack Program- Jeff stated Rocky Heights Elementary is still in need of being adopted.

Rod stated Hermiston Christian Church will no longer be able to serve Armand Larive needs and will also need to be readopted.

FBAC Members and Guidelines

There was some discussion regarding possibly changing the date and time of the Committee meetings.

Dave Hughs stated he is unable to participate in the Committee but would like to attend meetings when possible to keep communications open with this Committee and his congregation. He is planning on retiring from Agape House within the next 4 years.

Dave stated justserve.org has helped Agape House tremendously and would like to say thank you for such a great program.

Family Promise- James stated he has received certification from the State for Family Promise. James will speak with Made to Thrive regarding their program and what they offer.

James stated the Committee really needs to work on advertising to find a Director for Family Promise.

Jeff state the Committee should advertise in the newspaper but also in the faith-based community within the congregations.

Dave stated the person hired will need to focus on this position immensely and believes the position will not require 20 to 25 hours a week to start with until the program is better established.

Unscheduled Communication

Desert Rose- There was a consensus within the Committee that a presentation from Desert Rose Ministries was not necessary as they have already given presentations at each congregation.

There was no other business and Rod adjourned the meeting with prayer at 5:15 pm.