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# Greater Upper Marlboro CERT

# Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2019

Call to order

Wanda Leonard, President, called to order the regular monthly meeting of the Greater Upper Marlboro CERT at 9:10 a.m. on March 9, 2019 at the Upper Marlboro Town Hall.

Roll call

Roll call after a moment of silence for all first responders. The following board members were present: Wanda Leonard (president) and Alonzo Joy (secretary).

Members and visitors were acknowledged; there were two visitors (they were provided membership applications). Including the board members, there were 14 members present.

Members excused: Patty McLaughlin, Tayala Barnett, Jamee Alston, and Voni Eason.

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes from the May 11, 2019, monthly meeting was previously sent to all active members via email. Motion made to accept the minutes and seconded. The minutes was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Old Business**

* Marlboro Community Day – Review - CERT members volunteered during the Marlboro Community Day event, by providing:
* vendor support
* parade staging area support
* traffic management
* safety & security (alert medical responders of a medical concern or emergency)
* family reunification
* ambassadors to guide patrons and answer questions

Highlights: 1) Approximately 500 - 700 patrons attended; 2) AAA CERT partnered (4 members) with Greater Upper Marlboro CERT (11 members); 3) A food vendor received minor facial injuries from a flash fire. CERT members provided immediate aid until the on-site EMS arrived [no further treatment was required]; and 4) A child was briefly separated from his mother, but was promptly reunited.

Wanda Leonard recognized all who participated in the event, with special recognition given to Peggy Keller, Dr. Willie McElroy, and Kwesi Cook-Semper for their leadership.

Requested that anyone participating in this event, wanting to provide comments as part of an after-action reporting, should send them to Alonzo Joy soon, so they can be forward to the town’s event committee before the end of the month.

* Members CERT ID Card – Photograph completed

New Business

* Focus on training

Training Topics (9:30 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.)

* Stop-the-Bleed (non-certification) review/refresher (Dr. Willie McElroy)
* Positive presentation pointers (Peggy Keller)

Upcoming Events (details provided via email to membership)

**Closing Remarks and Comments from Members & Board**

* Peggy Keller spoke about Dr. Willie McElroy providing CPR on June 1st, on a band member whom was in cardiac arrest. Once revived and before the arrival of EMS, Peggy provided orange juice to the victim to abate the diabetic shock. The band member was released from the hospital to following day. They saved his life!
* Dwight Jones informed the members that today is “National Gun Violence Awareness Weekend” and folks are asked to wear orange in recognition.
* Kwesi Cook-Semper presented Wanda Leonard and the Greater Upper Marlboro CERT a certificate of appreciation from the Patuxent River Scout District National Capital Area Counsel, for the support with staffing “Scouts to the Rescue” search and recuse training/exercise on March 23, 2019.
* Peggy Keller will send out her PowerPoint presentation to the membership via Alonzo Joy.
* Members took a tour of Sasscer Field, the location for June 15, 2019, Movie Night. Members provided varying suggestions on how to make the event safe and roles for CERT. Alonzo Joy will meet with Chief of Police David Burse to share these thoughts. A second email will be sent to the team, requesting assistance during Movie Night.

**Members in Attendance Teen Visitors in Attendance**

Dwight Jones Kwesi Cook-Semper Wanda Arrington

Wanda Leonard Suzette Robinson

Peggy Keller

Dr. Willie McElroy

Michael Weekley

Manual Arrington

Alonzo Joy

Anita Cox

Dr. Carrine Lewis

Charmain Cook

Vikki Torrence

Amelia Harris

Dedra Frazier

**Next Meetings**

July 13, 2019 & August 10, 2019

**Schoolhouse Pond Clean-up Date**

Pending

Adjournment

Wanda Leonard, President, adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Alonzo Joy, Secretary

Minutes approved by: Wanda Leonard, President