

Windham Community Organization
December 11, 2019
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. In attendance were Maureen Bell, Mary Boyer, Joyce Cumming, Kathy Jungermann, Cindy Kehoe, Ellen McDuffie, Carolyn Partridge, Barbara Jean Quinn and Gail Wyman.

Secretary's Report

Joyce distributed minutes of the October meeting electronically for review just prior to the meeting.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the October 30, 2019 meeting as submitted. Moved by Carolyn—unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Cindy presented the Treasurer's Report. The beginning balance on September 25, 2019 was \$4,396.60. Income received during October and November totaled \$1,309.00 which included donations received at the ice cream social specifically for the victims of the tornado (\$228) and the Meeting House (\$260). The two families affected by the tornado were each given \$400 by WCO this summer as reflected in the Treasurer's Report for September 25, 2019. Funds raised for the Meeting House will be transferred to the Town for support of the building (interior). The Harvest Supper raised \$771 prior to expenses. One subscription payment for \$50.00 was also received. Expenses totaled \$339.42 which included postage (\$46.73), printing expense for News & Notes (\$115.20), food (\$44.99) and paper goods (\$23.50) purchased for the Harvest Supper, a gas card in the amount of \$100 given to a family in need, and paper statement fees of \$3 per month for September, October and November. The ending balance as of December 11, 2019 is \$5,366.18.

Committee Reports:

- Good Neighbors—In Pat's absence, Ellen reported that no new requests were received.

Ellen suggested that WCO's year-end support and contributions to other agencies be taken up at this point in the meeting to avoid an incident similar to last December when the meeting had to be re-convened for this purpose after the cookie plates were prepared.

Cindy reported on the agencies and entities which were supported by WCO last December and suggested the same contributions be made this year.

Motion: To support Neighborhood Connections with a contribution of \$1,500, Neighbors Food Pantry with a contribution of \$350, Townshend Food Shelf with a contribution of \$350, and the same family as last year with a contribution of \$150—moved by Cindy. Mary amended the motion to include a contribution of \$150 to Veggie Van Go (Vermont Food Bank). Motion as amended passed by unanimous vote.

- News & Notes—Ellen reported that the deadline for the next issue is December 20. Due to the holidays, it will likely go to the printer in early January. A suggestion was made to plan mailing preparation for January 8 after library hours. Ellen encouraged members to submit articles for the next issue.

Old Business:

Harvest Supper & Square Dance held November 9, 2019: The general consensus was that the event was a success. Cindy reported 64 guests in attendance. Much of the food (butternut squash, potatoes, salad ingredients, ham, etc.) was donated by Jo-Jo. Kathy will issue a thank-you letter. Jo-Jo has not requested a tax receipt. Carolyn reported that there was extra ham leftover from 3 hams this year. An entire ham was left over last year when 4 hams were provided. Three (3) seems to approximate the right quantity. The Mexican Casserole was a popular option among vegetarians. Carolyn donated and prepared the Gilfeather turnip mash which was also well-received. A lot of dessert items were left over. Brief discussion followed requesting donations for the musicians, who don't usually accept the money. It was agreed that the donations should continue to be requested, regardless of whether the musicians accept the money.

New Business:

Review Cookie Recipient List: Ellen distributed last year's list of fruit-and-cookie-platter recipients. Suggestions were made to the list for a total of 17 recipients this year (one of which was fruit only).

Meet the Candidates Night: The option to hold a forum to meet candidates for election at Town Meeting in March is largely dependent on the outcome of the December 18 Special Town Meeting on Australian balloting. Brief discussion followed on hosting a Meet the Candidates Night on January 29 or February 5. Ultimately, discussion was tabled pending the outcome of the Special Town Meeting next week.

Carolyn noted that the School Board is also warning a similar meeting on Australian balloting for January 11 2020. Carolyn will submit an article on this topic to Ellen for the next issue of News and Notes. Carolyn also commented briefly on legislative issues being debated such as increasing the minimum wage, Family Medical Leave, and marijuana tax.

Announcements:

- December 18, 2019—Special Town Meeting
- Valley Bible Church Concert- Sunday, December 22, 2019 at 11 a.m. All are welcome.
- Valley Bible Church Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – December 24, 2019 at 7 p.m.
- Town Office Closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m. Moved by Carolyn—unanimously approved.

Following adjournment, members proceeded to compile fruit and cookie platters, followed by the Yankee Gift Swap party.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Cumming
Secretary