



# ***Hickory Withe Community Association***

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Minutes of Oct. 2, 2014  
Hickory Withe Community Association

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Becky Sue Evans, as President Rudy Watkins was not in attendance. Following the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance elected officials were recognized: present were Judge Jim Gallagher, County Commissioner Terry Leggett and Oakland Alderman Billy Ray Morris.

## **Business/Reports:**

- **Treasurer**, Jim Mitchell, reported on expenses and balances in checking and CD. His report is on file.
- **Secretary** Beverly Avery was not present but the minutes from the September meeting were approved by all.
- **Benevolence** - Chairman, Tom Nelson, was not present.
- **Hospitality** - Chairperson, Inice Patnode and Sydney Magsig were given thanks for their help with setting up and decorating the tables.

## **Program:**

**Charley Deal**, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Alumni Relations at UT Martin location in Jackson, TN Area Industry Higher Education spoke about the four classes from UT Martin that are now being offered at Somerville. More classes are being planned in the future. Three million dollars is needed in private donations for the construction of the proposed higher education facility in Somerville.

**Maria Robertson** from the Fayette County Cancer Society spoke about the successful Relay for Life that was held this year at Fayette Academy and next year's Relay for Life being planned in April of 2015.

**Mack Green** with Fayette County Emergency Management Operations Officer spoke briefly on the EM Operations and was hopeful to come back when he had more time to elaborate more fully. He passed out flyers with detailed information for the attendees.

## **Business:**

Vice President Evans asked the group to be thinking of a fund raiser for the Association to hold as revenue was down due to the group no longer having the door prize ticket sale. This was done because it was considered a raffle and was not legal to have except for one time a year for a 501c3 organization. She proposed the fund raiser be held in March of 2015.

Announcements:

- Attention was brought to the upcoming Oakland in October on Saturday, October 4th. Flyers were on the table. Also on this date the Mennonite Festival in Whiteville will take place.
- The Hickory Withe Presbyterian Church Fall Festival will be on October 25th.
- Jane Mitchell announced that volunteers were still needed at the Vesta Home Show. This year Fayette Cares is the designated charity. A sign-up sheet was available.
- Joann Allen informed the group that Hickory Withe no longer has any representation on the county Budget Committee or the Fayette County Regional Planning Commission. She asked Mayor Skip Taylor to speak to this obvious absence of a presence from our district. The Mayor then came forward and spoke to the issue as well as the upcoming resolution on the November ballot concerning the sales tax increase of 1/2 cent to go toward keeping the emergency room open at the Methodist Hospital in Somerville and/or another ambulance for the county. If approved the increase would bring in approximately \$700,000, 1/2 of which would have to go to the schools as per the law on sales tax revenue.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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Joann Allen, substitute Secretary