

Hickory Withe Community Association Meeting Minutes

3 October 2019

The Hickory Withe Community Association met on October 3rd 2019. Becky Sue Evans, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30. There were 32 members present and all stood for the pledge to the flag. A blessing on the food was pronounced before the pot luck dinner. Two new members, Joe and Poppy Underwood, were welcomed and received the Hickory Withe Welcome Package.

During the general meeting of the HWCA, Becky Sue announced the plans for the “Joe Moore Leadership Fayette Scholarship”. The HWCA would ask for donations toward the scholarship of \$350 per year. The HWAC bank account would make up any short-fall. It is the intention of the HWCA to select a member in good standing to attend the “Leadership Fayette” course to make our association more visible and united with the goals of the HWAC and Fayette County. Interested parties will submit applications to the “Leadership Fayette” course. This scholarship will have a “sunset clause” and will continue for 5 years, beginning in 2020. In 2025, the HWCA will vote to extend the scholarship for an additional length of time. Jess Evans made a motion to go forward with the “Joe Moore Leadership Fayette Scholarship”. Deb Norton seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Jeanie Moore, Joe’s widow, thanked the community association with tearful gratitude and said it was an extremely kind gesture to honor Joe.

Steve Hetterscheidt, treasurer, reported that the checking account at Bank of Fayette had been closed and that we would use our “High Cotton” account for checking purposes. He also reported that yearly dues paid in October will be good through 2020.

Liz Klepko will send out an email to all inactive people (those who have not paid dues) listed on the roles to “Streamline” our membership.

The organization is still looking for someone who is willing to chair the membership committee.

Sandra Brewer is the “Hospitality Chairperson” through December.

Jane Mitchell will continue a Benevolence Chairperson. She spoke about the “Relay for Life” activities that will be coming up and will keep the membership informed of opportunities to participate in fighting cancer.

Plans for a “Spaghetti Dinner” fund raiser were announced. It will be held at the Hickory Withe Presbyterian Church on February 29, 2020.

The program for the evening proved very informative. Bob Kenney discussed the plans for the new “Fayette County Animal Shelter”. Bob and his co-director, Maria Prince, presented a power point showing the need for a new animal shelter. The presentation was quite moving and pointed out the desperate circumstances surrounding the current animal shelter.

Steve Hetterscheidt discussed and demonstrated the use and value of therapy dogs. He brought his beautiful Golden Retriever, Belle, to show what a remarkable effect a therapy dog can have on any environment. Steve pointed out the difference between “working dogs” and “therapy dogs”. A working dog is one who has been trained for a specific purpose, such as police work, or seeing-eye dogs. NO PETTING. Therapy dogs have been trained to be calm, loving, and the object of petting and adoration.

Next Pot Luck Supper and Meeting of HWCA will be on Nov. 7th. Our special guests will be Senator Delores Gresham and Ron Gant, State Representative. We will have turkey and dressing catered and ask the membership to bring sides and desserts. Please bring nonperishable food goods for the box in the foyer of the church for “Fayette Cares”. Also, to thank the Marines for their participation last month in performing the flag folding ceremony, please bring an unwrapped toy to put in the box in the foyer of the church for “Toys for Tots”. If you know of a needy family with children, they can register for toys online by the 15th of November.)