

**Carthage Civic League Meeting
November 18, 2019**

Pledge of Allegiance: 7:30 pm

Roll Call: Barb Bell, Mary Broughton, Carol Parsley, Ron Williams, Jessica Wolf, Sharon Morgan were all present. Joe Nava, Rev. Alan Dicken and Owen Nisbett were excused.

Barb Bell presided over the meeting in Joe Nava's absence. She spoke of blessings and thankfulness, and of the plans that are coming together for the improvement of Carthage.

Refreshments: Jessica Wolf provided tonight's treats. Next month is our Christmas Pot Luck Dinner on December 16. Bring a side dish, an inexpensive wrapped gift for the fun exchange game.

Guests: Henry Frondorf, Andria Y Carter.

Reports: Police - No report.

Fire - Lt. Dunham from Cincinnati Fire House 2 spoke about safety issues with Thanksgiving Day coming up. He discourages deep frying turkeys because of the great potential for accidents and fires. Also mentioned not leaving food unattended while cooking. He also reminded us about the importance of having smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors on each floor of our homes. Carbon monoxide is odorless. Detectors should be placed 3 to 5 feet away from the furnace. He answered questions about symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning. These detectors are extremely important and will save lives. There were 327 responses run during the past month. 275 were EMT runs, and 52 were fire related. Lt. Dunham also reminded us about smart911.com. When a resident registers on this website, any health issues entered in the system will be made available to first responders before arriving at the residence of the caller. Check out this website. It's worth your time.

Treasurer – Barb Bell

Balance October 1, 2019	\$ 21,752.00
Income: Refund for over-payment EMC Insurance.	5.00
Total Income:	5.00
Expenses: Osterbrock Greenhouses (2020 flowers)	245.00
Ann Ivancic (gardens)	36.34
Duke (7/30/2019 – 9/26/2019)	24.02
Total Expenses:	305.36
Balance October 31, 2019	\$ 21,451.64

Carthage Seniors - Mary Broughton reported that the Seniors celebrated their Thanksgiving today in this hall. A great meal was prepared for us by two of our members, and it only cost \$5.00. We will be having our Christmas dinner on Sunday, December 8, at a beautiful golf center in Fairfield. She also reminded us that anyone over 50 can join the Seniors. Ask Mary about details.

Cincinnati Recreation Commission – Lonnie Jenkins spoke about the programs available to us at the Hartwell Recreation Center at Vine St. and W. Galbraith Rd. Their hours are 11:00am – 7:00 pm Monday through Friday. Saturdays from 9:00 am – 3:00pm. The annual membership for adults is for adults (18 – 24) is \$10/(25 – 54) is \$25 Seniors (50+) \$10 Youth (0 – 17) \$2. There is a cycling class on Mondays and Fridays 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Pickle ball Fridays 10:30am – 12:30pm. Call the Center for more information about all of the programs and events available for youth. 513-821-5194. Or visit their website Hartwell@cincinnati-oh.gov

Cincinnati Business Association - Ron Williams reported that the CBA has formed their board members. Ron Williams, President. Dan Rumpke, Vice President. Carol Parsley – temporary Treasurer. Darrell Hammonds – Events Coordinator. Cherri Balew – Membership Chair. Their second meeting was held at the Williams Frances Theater, 6819 Vine St. The Association is changing their meeting to 9:00 am to make it possible for everyone to attend.

Old Business:

The Children's classes are now taking place in the Carthage Christian Church hall. Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 – 4:30pm. Ann Ivancic and Bob Hartlaub are in charge of these classes.

Jim and Lois Smith from Hartwell reminded us of the “Light Up Hartwell” taking place on December 6, on Parkway Avenue in Hartwell. Carriage rides, music, hot chocolate and Santa.

Dan Maxwell from UCHealth said the Take 10 Cincinnati CPR classes can be scheduled by calling 513-585-8962 and speak with Vikki Conneighton. Information on 'Stop the Bleed' program and the 'Million Step Challenge' will be forthcoming.

Andy's Bar – Barb Bell and ?????? met with the Law and Safety Committee, and with Andy's owners, Cherri Ballew and ?????? to discuss progress being made toward settling the complaints against the bar. A written agreement with Andy's and the Carthage Civic League will be made and presented to the Law and Public Safety Committee.

New Business: ???

Guest: Harry Frondorf, former City of Cincinnati Councilman spoke about plans to place a Charter Amendment on the March 2020 ballot that will change how the Cincinnati Council members are elected. At the present time the Council has nine members at large. The change would be to have five members voted in by geographic district and four elected by all Cincinnati voters. Currently, no one on the City Council represents your specific area and each Council member has to represent 300,000

people. Please visit the website faircincy.com to get more information about this, and also to view the proposed Cincinnati City Council District Map. Mr. Frondorf also took many questions from the attendees about this subject.

Guest: Andrea Y. Carter from the Community Police Partnering Center was here to speak about training for the recently formed Carthage Block Watch. This will be training about how to observe, take notes and report to police those observed committing illegal acts. There should be no confrontation between Block Watch member and those being observed. She said observing is the oldest form of crime prevention. Training sessions are will be scheduled in December. She answered questions from the attendees. Maria Medera, Carthage Safety Coordinator, also had comments about the Block Watch. She had a sign-up sheet for those interested in joining.

Announcements:

Fellowship Tabernacle Hall 6910 Vine St.

Hope Cafe Dinner and Clothes every Wednesday at 5:30pm.

Carthage Christian Church 19 W. 73 St.

French Horns Concert, December 13th at 7:00pm.

Food Pantry every second Friday 5:00 – 6:30pm.

Seniors meet Monday and Friday 10:00am – 1:00pm.

New Jerusalem Baptist Church 26 North Bend Road

Soup Kitchen third Friday 5:30pm

Monthly Cleanup of Business District

Saturday November 23 at 9:00. Meet at the Carthage School Parking lot and 73rd St and Fairpark.

Pick Up sticks and pails will be provided. Weather permitting.

Motion to Adjourn

Minutes submitted by Mary Broughton