

Carthage Civic League, Inc.
Minutes for December 16, 2019 Meeting

Pledge of allegiance: 7:30pm.

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

Attendance: 32.

Refreshments: Annual Christmas Potluck Dinner.

Visitors: Jim and Lois Smith from Hartwell, Kevin Laudit from Roselawn, Brenda Yeager and Tim ????? from TruPartner Credit Union and Sharon Albright from Mt. Healthy.

Reports:

- **Fire** No report.
- **Police:** Officer Brazile reported that the owners of properties located at 6909 and 6913 have 9 months to sell the properties or the City of Cincinnati will take them. These addresses were locations where drugs and prostitution were taking place. Both properties had become nuisance locations over the years.

- **Treasurer:** Barb Bell issued the following report.

Balance November 1, 2019	\$21,451.64
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Income:

Amazon Smile	\$6.53
Membership (3 @ 2.00)	6.00
Donation	5.00

Total Income:	17.53
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Expenses:

Key-N-Lock (storage unit – Beautification)	208.50
AAA Sign & Banner (street banners)	1,700.00
Bill Griffin (Gas – Beautification)	20.00
Sharon Griffin (Christmas bows – Beautification)	12.84
Taqueria El Valle Verde (Business luncheon)	350.00

Total Expenses:	2,291.34
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Balance November 30, 2019:	\$19,177.83
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- **Seniors:**

Mary Broughton reported that the Seniors held their annual Christmas dinner at the Fairfield Golf Course. The food was great, and a silent auction was held for the first time. Everyone enjoyed

themselves, but the afternoon seemed to go very quickly.

- **Cincinnati Recreation:**

Lonnie Jenkins announced mini camps being held for children to attend during the Christmas break. Family Zumba classes on Friday 5:00 -7:00pm, and Saturday 10:00 – 11:00am. Call the Hartwell Recreation Center for information on all of their programs for adults and children. 513-821-5194.

Old Business

Cretins Restaurant on Vine Street will be closing their door on December 20. They have been serving this community and many people from other communities for 28 years. They will be sorely missed here in Carthage, but we wish them great success on the new chapter on their lives.

After School programs are now meeting here at the Carthage Christian Church. The tutors arrive at 3:00pm and the children arrive at 3:30pm. An hour of classes take place for reading and math. And the adult ladies learn to knit and speak English at the same time. Volunteer tutors are always welcome.

New Business

Emma Shirey from Cincinnati Building Institute announced that Carthage has more single family homes available than before. At February's meeting we will be updated on the results of the Marketing Study being done by CBI. To help attract new business the TruPartner Credit Union and the Fifth/Third Bank will be helping us in this program. Tim from the Credit Union has a development company ?????.

Andy's Cafe issues have been addressed. Christopher Smitherman, Vice Mayor of Cincinnati, has asked us to work together with Andy's owners on the 6 agreements needed and submit that report to him.

The Ohio Foundry is in the process of being demolished and cleared. We are asking what the land will be used for. Hopes are for a parking lot on part of it. The Civic League is looking for a local realtor.

Announcements:

Fellowship Tabernacle Hall 6910 Vine St.

Eagles Nest Ministries Hope Cafe provides free hot meals, drinks and deserts. Also free are clothes, shoes, and food on Every Wednesday at 5:30pm

Carthage Christian Church 19 W. 73rd St.

Food Pantry every second Friday 5:00 to 6:30pm

Carthage Seniors meet every Monday and Friday 10:00am – 1:00pm in the lower level of the Church.

New Jerusalem Baptist Church 26 North Bend Rd.

Soup Kitchen on third Friday 5:30pm.

Monthly Cleanup of Business District is this Saturday December 21 at 9:00am in the Carthage School parking lot at Fairpark and 73rd St. Pick up sticks and pails will be provided. Weather permitting.

Motion to adjourn.

Minutes submitted by Mary Broughton.