

Present were James Lafolette, Dean Hackett, Terry Cummings, and Chris Hankel. Member Kristi Atkins and Council representatives Rod Hardin and Maria Duron were excused. Also present was City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong. James opened the meeting in prayer at 4:07pm.

Minutes

Dean moved and Terry seconded to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair through 06/30/2023

Dean moved and Chris seconded to reelect James as Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

James moved and Dean seconded to reelect Chris as Vice Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

National Faith & Blue Weekend Updates and Action Plan

Terry stated the planning is complete and the event is ready to-go. National Faith & Blue is being combined with Hermiston Fall Festival which is planned for the entire weekend and includes Kid activities like bounce houses, games, free pumpkin carving stations, food and drink vendors and more. Many 501c3's are participating in the event and will be bringing a game of some sort, to include: Good Shephard Hospital, True Care, Rotary, and more. All area law enforcement has been invited to attend and participate, there will be patrol cars, officers, and hopefully a K-9 Officer/dog present, and more, in hopes for the public to interact with law enforcement in a positive way.

Chris stated area churches are sharing the event details and helping with the event as well.

School Adoption: Service Ideas

James and Chris stated they are working on completely follow up items related to this subject and asked that this item be revisited at the next meeting to give them additional time to gather the requested information.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, December 6th at 4:00pm in the Large Board Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall.

Other

The Committee spoke about the Soul Care Meeting at the Hospital and ways to make improvements for future meetings.

James stated the Committee will adjourn and then head to City Hall for a tour.

Adjournment

There was no other business and Chris adjourned the meeting in prayer at 4:58pm.