

# Mount Vernon Concerned Citizens Committee

**Date: Thursday 07-20-2023**

**Time: Corned Beef and Cabbage Night at 6:00, Meeting at 7:00**

**Location: 160 Bean Road, Mount Vernon**

## CALL TO ORDER

Mike Smith Called the meeting to order at 7:01PM

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mike Smith Led the Pledge of Allegiance

## INVOCATION:

Invocation by Mike Smith

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Motion to Accept Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2023 by Barry Skilling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt Tomassone. Motion Carried. Vote was Unanimous. **PASS.**

## TREASURERS REPORT –

- **Beginning Balance:** **\$527.25**
- **Income:**
  - Donations** **\$ .00**
  - Interest** **\$ .00**
  - Total Income** **\$0.00**
- **Expense:**
  - Total Expenses:** **\$ .00**

**Ending Balance:** **\$527.25**

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Alice Counts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathy Jacobs. Motion Carried. Vote was Unanimous. **PASS.**

## NEW BUSINESS:

- **Officers: Michael Smith (Chair), Ona Fast (Vice Chair), Aaron Berls (Treasurer), Alice Counts (Secretary)**
- **We voted via email/text to change the day of the week to Thursdays during the summer. We will reevaluate this in September.**
- Ideas on how to separate MVCCC from MVRC emails. We are currently using Mail Chimp which allows the user one account. Is there another member that would allow us to sign up another account under their email address? We will create a separate email account for the non-profit MVCCC. Mike Smith will look into the Non-Profit. Kerry Casey stated that the yearly fee for Non-Profit status is approximately \$85.
- **Fundraiser Craft Fair at 160 Bean Road**
  - Event Date: 07-29-2023 from 9-3
  - We need help reaching out to Farmers, Crafters Etc
  - We need a list of members that will help with this event (Cooks, Cashiers, Parking Attendants, etc)
  - Booth Price at \$25?
  - We will offer hot dogs/hamburgers, drink and chips?
  - Signage has been donated and is posted.
  - Please help spread the word. If anyone has a phone list to call, please submit that.
  - Mike Smith has 2 tables and 3 chairs, Wendy Stevens has 2 tables, Barry Skilling has 2 tables and several cans for recycling and trash, Alice Counts has some chairs.
  - Mike Smith suggested that If a vendor was willing to donate their proceeds, MVCCC would waive the booth fee.
- **How do we motivate Residents to show up at the Polls and the Town Meeting?**
- **Select Board Meeting Business**
  - Tina Cagle is taking legal classes paid by the town to help assist the Select Board.
  - New Mil Rate is 19%
- **School Board**
  - The Select Board has decided to open up the Vacant Seat to anyone in town who is interested in running for the School Board position.
- **Road Committee**
  - **Members:** Barry Skilling, Tom Jacobs, Doug Stevens, Jamie Clough, Ona Fast and Bill Rosenberg
  - Cathy Jacobs is acting as secretary and is coordinating meetings for this group.
- **Grant Writers** – We are looking for grant writers to help find avenues for revenue.

## OLD BUSINESS

- **Sub Committees to be defined/suggested**
  - MV Concerned Citizens Committee – 501 c 3
- **Fundraiser Suggestions for 2023**
- **Petitions Suggested: (due to the poor showing at the polls of 329 residents, we now only need 50 signatures on each petition)**

- Fire Department – According to Tina Cagle, it is illegal to have lifetime appointments. Should these positions be appointed by the Select Board or Elected from within the Fire Department?
- Select Board to have 5 members?

#### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- **July 19**
- **August 16**
- **September 20**
- **October 18**
- **November 15**
- **December 20**

#### **ADJOURN**

- Motion to Adjourn by Aaron Berls, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt Tomassone. Motion Carried. Vote was unanimous. **PASS**