

Steele County CAER Minutes

May 17, 2017

Location:

Ellendale Community Center

Business Meeting:

The meeting was cancelled late in the afternoon. A tornado warning was issued in Steele County around 3:45 PM. The forecast suggested a potential for severe storms coming into MN from IA about the time of the CAER meeting. It was decided to cancel the CAER meeting so we could be prepared for those storms.

We attempted to contact as many people as possible by phone. We apologize if we missed someone. Please be sure your contact information is current with Iris Johnson.

All CAER business action items carried over to the next scheduled General Meeting on 19-Jul-2017 at 6:30 PM in Owatonna.

Member Reports

American Red Cross

Steele County DAT now has 8 team members. Held a DAT training on 3/16. Iris Johnson is attending the Under One Roof Conference in Duluth on 5/16-5/17. The theme is Resilience, Recovery, Relationships. There was one response to a house fire in Blooming Prairie.

CERT

We now have 8 board members. We are creating a Policy & Procedure Book along with digital backup. On 5/13, we held a BYOBag event (Bring Your Own Bag). We also played a CERT board game that allows members to practice skills learned in the basic class. Tim VanEngelenhoven made signs to hang up when we open a shelter to make navigating easier. Dennis Hollatz led a facilitator meeting to discuss what CERT wants to do and how we should do it. Upcoming event for the summer is a scavenger hunt/picnic.

Chamber of Commerce

A couple of items:

-Tourism department held First Annual Tourism Awards on Thursday, May 11

-Owatonna Community Leadership Academy (formerly Leadership Owatonna) is accepting applications for the new program year 2017 – 2018, due to Rhonda Guthier by May 26.

Civil Air Patrol

No report provided

RACES/ARES

Completed the Amateur Radio Class with four participants. Three participants took the license exam and passed.

Completed ARMER radio training with 20 participants.

Field Day is coming up the weekend of June 24/25 at Willow Creek School. All are invited to stop by.

SKYWARN

We had a Skywarn spotter class in Blooming Prairie on April 24th. About 25 attended. No other activity.

Salvation Army

No report provided

SCPH/MRC

Busy checking measles vaccination records for Steele County residents, especially children between the ages of 12 months and 5 years. SCPH would like for everyone in our county to be up to date on their MMR vaccinations. High MMR rates of vaccination will help to decrease the chance of a measles outbreak occurring in our county. SCPH has been meeting with the hospital, clinic and school nurses to help coordinate education and vaccinations.

Ellendale Emergency Manager

We have agreements with the First Lutheran Church to serve as a Tornado shelter and the United Methodist Church to serve other sheltering needs.