



**Memphis / Shelby County
Local Emergency Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2008
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Call to Order: Nick Ridge – 2:35 PM

Roundtable Introductions: 23 Attendees

Reading of Previous Minutes: The September minutes were accepted as amended and passed.

Financial Report:

Savings \$3,959.71 Checking \$587.14

Incident Discussions:

James Baker of the Sierra Club stated that Reddy Ice and TVA had releases of ammonia. No representative from these companies reported their incidents to LEPC, nor was there a representative from either company present at the meeting.

Task Team Reports:

Conference – Tamera Hickox

The conference was a success and those that attended, enjoyed it. Attendance numbers were down from the previous year. The Conference Committee is waiting for the final numbers to see if we have broken even on our costs. The final accounting is not in yet. Once the committee has it, we will report to the LEPC.

CARRI Tabletop – Nick Ridge

The CARRI group held a tabletop exercise at their last meeting. The scenario consisted of a massive ice storm that shut down the city. Each table in the meeting worked as its own focus group concentrating on planning. CARRI gathered the information from each group in order to compile and analyze it. The results will be reported to the community at a later date.

Old Business

Memphis First – Ronnie Smith

Everyone is encouraged to join in Memphis First. The organization has recently restructured and is encouraging the business community to participate.

Non-profit status – Tamera Hickox

The non-profit status continues to be addressed. One major hurdle, the P.O. Box has been established. Currently the required Profit & Loss Statement is being put together.

New Business

2009 Elections – Tamera Hickox

A motion was made to accept the ballot as written. The motion was seconded and passed. A motion was then made to accept the ballot for the vote as written. The motion was seconded and passed. The ballot was accepted in toto. Elected officers are: Chairperson, Jim Logan; Vice Chair, Karen Birkenstock; Secretary, Cassandra Dove; Treasurer, Rhonda Henry.

December Meeting – Jim Logan

Motion was made to not have a meeting in December. The motion was seconded and passed.

Presentation:

Richard Okulski – Winter Weather and Severe Weather Season

Richard presented on the Hazardous Weather Season that in our region falls in the winter time. His presentation covered previous events of hazardous weather and the importance of preparation and communication during these weather events.

If you would like to participate in the High Impact Weather phone calls administered by the National Weather service, write richard.okulski@noaa.gov and explain why you would like to participate. Space is limited.

Meeting adjourned: 3:21 PM

Next meeting: January 15, 2009