

EAST MOUNTAIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes for May 15, 2024

Attendees: 25

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM President Bob McGovern. He then led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence and prayer.

Representatives from OLLI, President Vickie Nardello and Events Committee Chair Pinki Chillemi, spoke about the Osha Lifelong Learning Institute. The program was started 16 years ago and is funded by endowments. It is for people 55 years of age and older. This is an education with social benefits. There is a fee of \$ 65.00 per year and a slight cost for each class. Classes are offered online (Monday to Thursday) and in person (Friday). Courses are offered at the UConn branch in downtown Waterbury. There are 4 week and 8 week classes. They also offer offsite courses, ex, touring historical buildings. There is a diverse course selection and instructors are retired teachers of experts in the field of discussion. Discounts to theatre events and access to the UConn library are some of the benefits also.

OLLI is having an open house on Friday, August 2, 2024, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. 2 to 3 sample classes will be offered.

They also run an OLLI garden at Fulton Park from April to October. There are 200 raised beds and last year over 4 thousand pounds of fruits and vegetables were donated to local food banks and pantries. The volunteers meet every Tuesday and Thursday to work the garden. All are welcome!

Secretary report online.

Treasurers report given.

Neighborhood Council announced a scholarship program is in the process for next year. All was quiet with and Neighborhood Watch.

Also, the grant committee is accepting applications for the \$1000 East Mountain scholarship given each year. The applications were sent to schools and is available online.

Help is still needed to remove the lights from the Christmas tree. The star on top of the tree has been removed.

Club house at park still not open but food should be cooked outdoors and available for sale.

We will have an end of year Social at our June meeting. Also, a possible summer picnic.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM

