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## CERT COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING (In Person Meeting - Town Hall)

Saturday August 10th, 2024 - 9AM

Topic: Upper Marlboro Monthly CERT Committee Meeting

Called to Order at 9:06

Moment of Silence

Roll Call (Board Members)

all officers

Acknowledgement of Members/Visitors

Administrative Business

Review &amp; Approve Agenda

Strike the question mark &amp; approve as amended

Melvin moved, Tim second, unanimous

Review &amp; Approve Past Minutes

Arlene moved, Tim seconded, unanimous

Review Budget

New trailer is in

Annual budget did NOT change, is actually \$900 for the year

Outreach coordinator

Paula (isn't here today)

Could we put together some training for churches &amp; other groups?

Old Business

Equipment

New Trailer

Got a new trailer 12'

They need to move their stuff out of ours into theirs

Once it's moved, we can organize

They're also supposed to move the shelving &amp; add another

Both need to be cleaned &amp; waxed; new one needs to be labeled

Training

Trying to get training (CERT Basic) in September if we can get the equipment

(need a gas meter; Washington gas has been contacted)

Worst case is to just get pipes &amp; valves from Home Depot and build our own

Rasheed &amp; Tim both did the "Train the Trainer" at CERT National

PG is working on a grant, and has a job opening for county

CERT coordinator (only 1000 hrs)

Current CERT guy (Willie?) is working on coordinating with the

fire department

Having problems w/ people signing up for classes but not showing?

Would a token fee help? (make people think it has value)

Should we test our call-up tree? Maybe once a month, send an email

or texts and see who can respond back

Mass texts may not be good, as people then reply back to 30 people

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Maybe mass text but reply back via web link to say yes/no?  
Text will go through, but may be delayed (more reliable than e-mail)

National Electronics Museum is having HAM radio training  
Over zoom, Thursday nights. They record so you can watch them after

## Members

16 contacts at National Night Out; emailed 13 of them.

## Lessons from Recent Events

CERT conference: Mike had typed up some notes;  
Need to register in advance, may not be able to the day of  
Tim, Rasheed and Willie are now trained to train CERT Basic  
And got lots of contacts from other CERT teams  
COVID outbreak from the class (8 of 38)  
New CDC rules are basically useless

## New Business:

## Upcoming Events:

Movie Night (tonight)  
Show up around 7:30 for helpers  
  
Health Fair / Faith & Blue (Oct 12th; proposed)  
Mike & Joe have conflicts  
Send out an e-mail to see who can attend

## Presentation / Training Intro:

Flooding (Tim S.)  
Based on the course from National that was very good,  
but trimmed down and merged in info from a presentation  
in June from the County.

## Announcements

Next Meeting (Sept 14th)  
General Announcements

## Adjourn

Melvin, Arlene seconded, unanimous  
9:38am

Training will follow the meeting