

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

Central Raleigh CERT meeting  
Saturday, 27 Feb 2016, 10 AM  
Trinity United Methodist Church

**Present:** Don Becom, Terri Becom, Kim Gazella, Shirley Stanley, Hugh Stoler, Mark Turner

### **Officers**

Mark said he was hoping to discuss officer positions at this meeting but with a majority of members absent it didn't make sense at this meeting. This will instead be discussed at our next meeting.

### **Meeting Times/Dates**

Discussed proposed meeting times and schedules. Group seemed open to both weekends and weeknights, with some preference given to weeknights. After checking schedules, it was suggested that Thursday evenings might work best, though it was noted that those who could not be present today should have an opportunity to suggest dates and times. Kim agreed to put out a SurveyMonkey survey to the group to collect feedback from the whole group. There did seem to be consensus that a meeting schedule of every-other-month seemed appropriate, and it was agreed to meet during odd-numbered months, aiming for the third Thursday.

In the meantime, we chose our next meeting to take place Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, from 7-9 PM at Trinity United Methodist Church (TUMC).

### **Bylaws**

A quick discussion took place on bylaws. Consensus seemed to be that detailed bylaws might not be necessary but adopting a set of simple bylaws would be useful. Mark agreed to study bylaws of other local CERT groups and to share them for comment and possible adoption.

### **Ace Hardware Event Update**

Kim gave an update on the upcoming CERT event at Seaboard Ace Hardware. The date and time of the event is April 9th 10-2 PM. Ace owner Bob has agreed to offer 15% off of CERT emergency kit supplies. We need members to staff the booth and pass out pamphlets. Discussion took place regarding funding of a demonstration supply kit as well as one that could be raffled at the event. Our existing CERT grant money could pay for the raffle prize while CAC funds might purchase the demonstration kit. More work remains to determine level of CAC funding available. FEMA sent a large package of pamphlets to Shirley and Kim. Mark has Shirley's package and will bring it to the Ace event. Seaboard's Bob is promoting the event in radio spots. Various members of the group are promoting it through neighborhood channels. Kim reminded all the mission of the event is community education. Shirley suggested that our CERT group not be seen as "vehicle for sales" at Seaboard, while Don pointed out that we can partner with other hardware stores if needed. Mark agreed to produce a one-page pamphlet about our group to hand out. Further details of the event were discussed.

## **Name of the group**

A discussion was held regarding the proposed name of the group. Don suggested moving away from the Oakwood name as half our current members live outside of the neighborhood. Some names discussed included East Raleigh CERT, Central Raleigh CERT, Downtown Raleigh CERT. Kim will send out another survey to the larger group to get additional feedback.

## **Triangle CERTEX update**

Mark gave the group an update on his meeting with other CERT leaders the previous Thursday. A Triangle-wide CERT exercise (Triangle CERTEX) will be held this summer, tentatively for July 16<sup>th</sup>, with participation from Carolina Pines CERT, Cary CERT, Apex CERT, North Hills CERT, Downtown Raleigh CERT, and with Morrisville CERT taking the lead. Morrisville was not present for the meeting so the Carolina Pines Community Center was tentatively reserved for 16 July. More meetings should follow as Morrisville progresses with planning.

## **Wake CERT update**

Mark discussed his vision of how Raleigh-Wake CERT might assist the neighborhood-focused CERT groups in Raleigh and the County. How these groups might interact is still being worked out.

## **Sponsorship through the City of Raleigh**

A brief discussion on how to renew sponsorship from the City of Raleigh was discussed. Kim asked “how can we be helpful” to the City and the need to be an asset. Ways were offered in which CERT could assist during emergencies. Mark agreed to reach out to the city contacts and get the discussions going. Kim suggested that Trinity UMC might be a good place to store our CERT supplies to provide easier access as well as avoid conflicts with storing them on city property.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 AM.