

Seaside CERT Meeting Minutes from February 16, 2021 via Zoom, 4pm Written by Su Coddington

Attendance: Anne McBride, Lora Van Nortwick, Joyce Hunt, Steve Wright, Matthew Stolberg, Su Coddington

Su called the meeting to order at 4pm. Reflection: Don't Quit (title only)

Minutes of last meeting not addressed but no emails with corrections received.

Moved to cover only 3 important issues in this meeting. Agenda speaks for itself. Details: Mask Handout Drive-Up event is February 25th from 2-4pm. In Seaside and Gearhart, it will be at the Fire Stations. Su will send out educational opportunities when she receives information. The Zoom class (30 minutes): You are the help until help arrives will be re-scheduled. Su will send out information once she knows.

First : Meeting time will be third Tuesday of the month, 6pm starting next month, via Zoom (thank you, Anne). We will resume meeting in person at the Bob Chisholm Community Center when it is safe to do so. Our next meeting is March 16th at 6pm via Zoom. Vote was unanimous to move time to 6pm.

Second: Vaccine distribution: Clinics are happening from 2-4pm today and from 8-noon tomorrow at the old Seaside High School. Su is part of the team administering vaccines and monitoring citizens for any reaction. In our Clatsop Community as of February 12th, approximately 6% of the population is fully vaccinated. Goal is 70% vaccination rate where experts believe "herd immunity" will be attained and limit the spread of COVID-19. If you have questions, email: covid19vaccine@clatsopeoc.com. With recent weather issues, there is some slow down, but those vaccines here now are being given. Make sure you complete the vaccine survey online to secure your place in line so you can be contacted to receive a vaccination time when you are eligible. Su will have her second vaccine tomorrow and asked Anne if there is any opportunity to volunteer to help get seniors without computers and homeless on the list for a vaccine. If you want to volunteer, there is a way to help.

Third: Su has a form from Pooka that still needs completion: Website Update Data Sheet: The brief about statement will be Lora's "commercial":

Community Emergency Response Team in Seaside is a group of volunteers who are interested in knowing what to do in an emergency. The more people that know what to do in any kind of emergency, the better off the whole community will be. Learn some basic first aid, triage skills, what to include in a go-kit, and how to safely do light search and rescue (SAR). CERT builds your confidence and skills to know what to do when the need arrives.

The form requests a logo which Anne is working on that includes some format of Be Ready Seaside. She will address pictures since our group has none. Steve has our badge pictures and we will figure out how to incorporate what we have. As far as a mission statement, we settled on using one from the CERT brochure. We used Steve's word list and group input, but agreed that what was already printed (brochure titled Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)) was as good as any ideas we had tried. Su will work on this and send out something soon. Anne is diligently working on creating a website for Seaside that addresses emergency response. There will be a Seaside CERT resource page. She took suggestions on what to include.

There was a lot of discussion about CERT, its purpose, and our individual involvement. The pandemic has disrupted all the education that would have been on-going. There is a lot of behind-the-scenes work

being done on city, state, and national levels to find a way to move forward with CERT and other programs. Potentially, the best of Zoom might be combined with in-person learning and we can all benefit. Su mentioned attending a FEMA class via Zoom with Anne and Steve about Oregon CERT groups and what they are accomplishing during this pandemic. It was heartening for Su to see that there are groups that are struggling in similar fashion to that of Seaside. Even our local Corps reports that some North Coast CERT groups are not currently meeting because of the pandemic.

Su mentioned that once "it is safe", we will move forward with education. She has already been given the ok to audit the next CERT class offered in Cannon Beach. Maybe we can all be included in a refresher class. There will be support to address all our individual questions and concerns for the future of Seaside CERT. Hang in there, each of us. One good thought, a change to 6pm meeting next month brings Robin and/or Vanessa (hopefully both) to our group and maybe some more of our group who have not been able to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 1713. Next meeting is March 16th at 6pm via Zoom. See you then....