

**Town of Chevy Chase
Community Relations Committee
Minutes
November 18, 2009**

Ann Wild, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm in the Town Hall.

Members present: Ann Wild, Put Ebinger, Scott Egloff, Bridget Hartman, Steve Keeble and Julie Stanish. Kathy Strom (Council Liaison) was also present.

The minutes from the October 21 meeting were approved.

Neighborhood Watch – Scott Egloff reported on the Neighborhood Watch meeting held November 3. Other than town officials and Scott, 8 people attended and minutes from the meeting were distributed. Scott will see that the minutes will be posted on the Town website. Over 25 people have indicated some interest in becoming Block Captains. It was not known exactly how many of these 25 have attended some or all of the training. The group will be formulating policies and procedures for review at a next meeting scheduled for Jan. 19, and these will subsequently be submitted to the Committee and Town Council for review/comment at their January meetings.

Town History/Architectural Booklet – Targeted for publication in 2018. Bridget Hartman and Put Ebinger agreed to write an article for the January Forecast asking for volunteers to help work on this project.

Chevy Chase Dinner Out – Julie Stanish reported that 19 people attended dinner at Moon Gate on October 29. Next dinner not until after the New Year. Trying to patronize local independent restaurants.

Flutar Concert Nov. 8 – Ann Wild reported a good turnout.

Manna Food Drive Update – Ann Wild reported Town residents have donated 433 pounds of food so far this year.

Bake Off at Chili Dinner – It was determined that a bake off would not be possible in conjunction with the Chili Dinner. Interested parties will be invited to next month's committee meeting to determine an acceptable time and format.

Turkey Trot – Bridget Hartman reported that over 40 coats have been donated so far and over \$1,000 has been donated by Town residents toward providing Thanksgiving meals. Postings for volunteers to help decorate have been placed on Town Crier and Town Neighbors.

Holiday Gift Drive – Ann Wild reported that Cathy Wolf is leading this effort again and that the Town received a Certificate of Achievement (with the committee specifically named) from the County for last year's drive. Announcement will be in the December Forecast and on Town Web site.

Discussions and Deserts – No meaningful progress on scheduling any specific events occurred. “Energy” was suggested as a possible topic.

Art Show – There was some discussion of a show for Town artists. This will be discussed at the next meeting depending on availability of Town Hall for an entire weekend. Put Ebinger said she would be willing to talk to town artists for suggestions.

Revising the Community Handbook – The last Handbook was published in January 2008. It is the opinion of Town Manager and Council that this book should be updated and republished. It was agreed that Belinda in the Town Office would “fact check” the current publication, and that Town Manager would circulate his comments for additions/deletions to Committee members as soon as possible. Committee members will then submit their suggestions to the Town Manager, and he will prepare a new draft of Handbook for the committee to review.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Submitted by Steve Keeble