

PEP-C/CERT general meeting minutes for March 13, 2024, 1801

Location: Round Table Pizza

Call to Order: 6:01PM - Quorum (5 officers) Present - YES

Guests: Paul Petach, Carolyn Sawyer, Terry Nathanson, Tuuli Bookman, Tom Nosenzo, Robert Wiggs, Jim Braden (7 guests)

<u>Officers</u>		<u>Team Leads</u>		<u>Committees</u>	
Chair: Peggy Gablehouse	P	Training: Kristie Adams	A	Facebook - Kristie Adams	A
Vice Chair: Curt Scott	P	Membership:		CERT - Jim Braden, Peggy Gablehouse, David Haycock	A P A
IT: Steve Rees	P	Materials/Events: Don Fisk	P		
Treasurer: Ray Kittleberger	A	Comms: David Haycock	A		
Secretary: Patricia Verdela Keenan	A				
MAL 3 yr: Barry Bookman	P				
MAL 2 yr: Kristie Adams	A				
MAL 1 yr: Don Fisk	P				

Key: P = Present

AL = Late Arrival

LE = Left Early

A= Absent

Chair's Welcome

Additions to the agenda - none

Secretary Report: Feb minutes – approved

Treasurer Report: none

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Chair's Report

- CERT hats from the Mundays, Proceeds will go back to Jean Munday
- VP Curt Scott spoke about the new Nominating Committee, calling all roughly 200 “members” asking if they wish to serve and be nominated to an officer position. Current Secretary and Treasurer offered to remain in positions. Potential appointments by acclimation will be addressed next month. Hoping to have the slate full of all candidates by April.
- Shout out to Tom Norenzo and Curt Scott for completing their Pierce County Emergency Worker's Card (required FEMA courses are ICS 100,200, 700 and 800)
- Seeking new venue for meetings. No response from LDS church near COSTCO. May try to have the Fair at the LDS church.
- National CERT Conference (Webinar Series) last one on March 27, 2024 is about sheltering animals during disasters from 10-1100AM. Peggy has the registration email and notice was sent out previously.
- PCDEM Outreach – February focus was “Create a Disaster Plan”, Identify routes of evacuation, preparing a go bag, and meeting places. Practice with your battery operated radio. Details were sent to PEP-C email list in early February. Upcoming events are Advanced Radio Communications on March 14 and Mass Care and Sheltering (advanced) on March 21. PEP-C will forward the next newsletter once it comes out.
- PEP-C will participate in the upcoming Livable Community Fair on May 11 at the Vaughn Civic Center on the Key Peninsula. Don Fisk sets up gear to display on a table. Need volunteers for this easy event. Does anyone in the Key Peninsula area want to do it?
- Gig Harbor Maritime Gig Festival is June 1. Need a lead – Don Fisk may be able to do it. Need a lot of people, and it's a long day, often running until 8PM. Need extra people at start and end for set up/tear down.
- 2024 Partners in Emergency Preparedness (PIEP) Conference at the Marriott in Tacoma on April 2-4. Cost is \$450 to participate.

New Business

- Are we interested in being at the Farmers Market at least once a month from May – September?
- Future Speakers:
 - April – “No License Radio” – Mike Dickson
 - May – “Dispute Resolution” – Celyna Addison (Pierce County)
 - June – WA State DEM on “Tsunami, Eruption, Earthquake” – Holly Stark
 - August – “Wildfire” presentation GH Fire
 - September – “Search and Rescue” – Al Wurth
 - Trying to get a speaker for solar
- Lessons learned from Hurricane Sandy was shared with the group by guests reading a detailed report by a survivor. Very interesting.
 - o Homemade lantern, can candle, long-term candle, alternative lighting ideas, fire-starters out of toilet rolls and lint,
 - o Bring your ideas to the next meeting

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- Need volunteers for committees for Emergency Preparedness Fair Committee (April 2025) and Community Service/CERT project (like Doug Munday's AED idea)
- Chair has blank Pierce County Emergency Workers Card applications if you need one. Updated ones can be downloaded from the Pierce County Search and Rescue website.
- No new HAM classes are scheduled currently. Jim Braden will get back to Chair on dates for new classes for the people near Fox island and David haycock will get with Peggy about a Ham class for the people on the Key peninsula. HAMS can participate in weekly nets. Does anyone know of any Ham Radio Classes going on? Dates and locations?
- Discussion on "Death by Meeting" and how to incorporate ideas for better meetings in the book to our meetings.
- Ray Kittelberger's wife is in hospice.

Discussion was had about the CERT tabletop exercise held at GHFD. Idea was to incorporate some exercise ideas to PEP-C, perhaps incorporate some inexpensive radios for comms practice. Suggestions were made to buy a set of FRS walkie-talkie for radios for training purposes. Also suggested to reinstate the Training Lead position. Discussion was had on how to make PEP-C more effective and have more effective outreach.

***Motion was made and passed to buy 10-12 FRS radios for training scenarios and tabletop exercises. Not to exceed \$200. Curt Scott will purchase radios and will plan an exercise for April 10th meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1909 (7:09 PM)

Submitted by:

Tuuli Messer-Bookman (for Patricia Verdela-Keenan) -- Secretary

Meeting approved: 5/8/24