

CIELO VISTA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Meeting Notes – February 13, 2020, 6 PM
Martita's Lunch Box Restaurant

Call to order - President Mike Adjemian Pledge of Allegiance- Led by a guest, Ricardo Flores from another district, attending to see how our CVNA meetings are run. Welcome - President Mike Adjemian welcomed all guests, speakers, elected officials and members. Introduction -All in attendance introduced themselves & gave home addresses
Guest Speakers:

1 Jose Cisneros Cielo Vista Library-not in attendance.

2 Burges High School Theatre Group.....

Three members, all seniors from the group, Jade West, Joseph Servin, Ikeinon Felix and two different parents of the members spoke passionately about their big accomplishments, their goals, their needs and their struggles. The theatre group is preparing for UIL, University Interscholastic League, competition. Even though they face many obstacles, they proudly announce Burges Theatre Group is the only one that has been able to compete to the state level. They dedicated director, Mr. T, as they so lovingly and respectfully refer to him, has directed the group for 20 years and been to state 8 times. Work ethics is very strong as shown in the group's ability to excel even though funds are critically low (director pays for much out of pocket; at times the students pay for their own costumes because they don't fit; tech tools are brought in from home; no stage is available; set pieces are scarce and when possible they are borrowed). Students & director build their own sets but many times lack the materials and tools to do so. Monies from the district are used for out of town expenses but that is as far as it goes. The need to generate income comes mainly from fund raisers (items that the group sells to the students at school). Only a handful of parents support the group by providing water and snacks. A discussion followed to come up with some solutions:

1. Apply for grants perhaps with the El Paso Electric Co.
2. Create a wish list and submit to CVNA. Meantime the following were mentioned (Needing cabinet with lock to store tools and valuable equipment, paint, variety of art supplies)

President Mike asked the following of the group: for them to become part of CVNA ; submit a wish list and corresponding \$ amounts ; to accept CVNA's contribution of snacks & waters. The theatre students cordially invited all to their rehearsals on Sats. From 1 to 5 at Burges High School. The UIL competition will take place on February 25th at Canutillo High School.

#3 District Representative Cassandra Hernandez.....

Cassandra very caringly and with the Valentine's day spirit already, offered all sweethearts long-stemmed, fresh rose bundles and scrumptious valentine decorated cupcakes. Thank you for that sweet gesture ! Lucky us.

1st on her agenda..... Cassandra, along with several flyers to explain in depth, spoke of El Paso's Environmental Services Dept's plan, processes and results of the recycling services. Since its launch in 2007 it serves approximately 185,000 households. Some of the reasons that impacted the performance and the services are seen in: 1) no measurement of service delivery effectiveness 2) inconsistent collection times. New data driven solutions are being considered that could result in a potential cost avoidance of \$2,217,154 and customer service improvements. Cassandra pointed out some of the problems are a large contamination rate in the recyclable bins and that no one is utilizing the correct bins as they should be. What is being proposed are operational changes. There is an Opt-In Program which would only apply to residents who are requesting new services, other customers are grand fathered-in. Please refer to your hand-out for in depth information. Opt-In Program should reduce recycling contamination levels and help off-set costs to Materials Recovery Facility. Included would be an outreach for recycling services improvements. That would include the following: mailers with calendars, digital presence on website, mobile app, local media involvement, Email blasts to Neighborhood Associations and other groups, signage on Sun Metro facilities, digital signage at city facilities and city TV. Cassandra reminds us that we need to be on the lookout for community meetings to discuss proposals.

2nd on her agenda.....Three libraries will make us of \$280,000 to refurbish them .Examples of some of those would be to put in new carpeting and adding 20 computer corrals.

3rd on her agenda.....The Multipurpose Recreation Center and City will hold an open house on March 4th at 6 -7pm. It is important to attend this meeting to inform ourselves of the use of monies, voice opinions, share ideas and find solutions to problems that might be occurring concerning the center. Some real good news to get excited about is the approval a \$1.7 million roof replacement for the center!

4th on her agenda.....Monies allocated for betterment of our city are being used in different ways such as street lighting & amenities at the parks like park benches etc. The infrastructure needs of our growing city are being addressed on our district 3 streets which are being resurfaced. Please look at handout for detailed explanation of this. We were reminded that The Country Warehouse at 3570 Confederate is operating. We can donate new or previously owned but usable items and take with us up to 5 items we may need at no cost. Will be required to show a utility bill to use facility.

#4 Lone Star Survival Training group from University Medical CenterVictoria Oakes and team.....

The team came equipped with manikins for those who wanted the hands-on CPR training experience. The basic training was presented in a step by step manner which was easy to follow and informative for all, no matter how little or how much one knew about CPR.

They took us from the moment one is aware CPR might be needed to the end results such as:

1. Making sure the area is safe for all involved
2. Calling 911 on speaker phone if possible and what to expect from them
3. Placing injured person on a hard flat surface
4. Positioning of the person giving the CPR plus the correct hand interlock
5. Compression rates using the beat of the 'Staying Alive' song to guide you
6. Finding the middle of the sternum where one compresses
7. Things that might happen while giving CPR
8. They stressed it is important to keep everything as simple as possible
9. For 1-3 year-olds it is necessary to hug the infant around the chest for compressions

They offer complete CPR training at University Medical Center for certification.

Business for Discussion

Bertha Adjemian informed us that the Enchilada Fund raiser is in progress. More tickets to sell were handed out. With everyone's involvement we can generate monies for important causes that make it all worth while.

Mike Adjemian reminded us all about the Great American Cleanup Event which will take place on March 28th for 4 hours. He spoke of possibly getting the students in the Burges H. S. Theatre Group involved.

Mike reported that two board members are needed at this time: a treasurer and a secretary

Treasurer's Report

Armando Renteria distributed hand-outs reflecting the report of financial activities for January & February so far. The ending balance on Feb 13, 2020 is \$875.28

Announcement

Mike reminded all about the yearly \$10.00 dues. To receive emails we need to take care of that.

Mike spoke some about the door hangers giving information regarding CVNA & are still undecided about the health fair.

Suggestion cards were handed out to be used whenever one desires to share in this way.

Closing Comments

We really want to thank our CVNA member and her grandmother who baked some delicious Valentine cookies for us. It was agreed by all that we would give them to our Burges Theatre Group. How's that for caring? These ladies are such sweethearts !