

## Campbell & Public Funds Meeting

October 22, 2016, 8:30 AM - Allen Brothers

Attendance: Mike Fawcett, Pete Harrison, Ila Mitchell, Barbara Taylor & Karen Walter

Pete H. made the motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting (8/13/16). It was seconded by Mike Fawcett. Pete distributed the current balances for each fund.

### Old Business:

*Funds Application:* At our last meeting we were asked to help pay the August electric bill for an applicant. Karen reported that as yet she has not received the bill in order to pay it. She reported that Westminster Cares had helped with a gas & grocery card. It's possible that this was enough to help at the time. To date no payment has been made from the Campbell Fund.

*Thanksgiving Turkeys:* Pete will be contacting Lisai's Market regarding the order of 10 turkeys at \$100. Pete will contact the person at Westminster Center School about the disbursement and delivery of the turkeys. They have liked to have them the Monday before Thanksgiving. We also discussed that some people don't know how to cook a turkey. Would cooked turkeys be preferred? We might get pricing ideas from Shaw's Supermarket & Brian McAllister at Father's Restaurant.

*Mitten Tree:* Barbara reported hearing from a Nancy Rogers, Westminster Resident, who wanted more yarn and also delivered 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  bags of completed hats, mittens & slippers. She and her Mother-in-law are knitting for the tree this year. We also heard from Myra Ashcroft. She too has finished items for pick up and is looking for more yarn. Barbara will get another article out to the Gazette this week. We discussed the areas for the donations we used last year, SEVCA Daycare, Westminster Central School and the Warming Shelter. Mike & Pete will talk with Cole Streeter to see if the Fire Dept would like some available in their trucks for fires during the winter, or if they know of anyone needing warm items. We will continue to check on adding places such as Parks Place, etc. Discussion on how we will display the collection continued with an idea of a basket at each drop off site and/ or plastic totes.

*Funds Investment:* A month or more ago, Pete provided paperwork to Russ to review regarding the manner in which we invest the Public Funds money. In order to invest with any outside firms, e.g. Edward Jones, Morgan Stanley, etc., we, as a committee, need the proper authorization to comply with the firms regulations. Pete will ask Russ how that is coming.

**New Business:**

*Holiday Gift Cards:* We will again do gift cards this year. We will talk with Ali and Karen at the Town Hall for ideas as well as Linda Fawcett, Westminster Librarian & \_\_\_\_\_, Westminster West Librarian and the Westminster Center School.

*Frank Miller Fund sponsorship:* Karen brought up the discussion of the Frank Miller Fund. We had discussed providing money to the Westminster Center School for a training program in the area of food & health. She understands that they have a new chef who is working with area farms for local foods. It would be nice to enhance that with possibly a workshop on nutrition or food related program. Karen will talk with the new Principal and see if they are interested.

*Scams:* Barbara has been contacted by an organization in the Boston area that will provide free lectures on current Scams, Identity Theft, Computer issues and etc. She thought that by collaborating with Westminster Cares to give a talk open to the public, it would provide help to area Seniors and those people receiving these types of scam phone calls, etc. She will forward a copy of the email to each and if they feel it would be informative, contact Westminster Cares for their input.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30AM and a new meeting date being November 19, 2016 at 8:30 AM at Allen Brothers.