January 8, 2013

Attending: Mark Littleton
Nancy Wentz
Mike Singletary
Russell Barber
Julia Craze
Gary Palmer
Valerie Millsaps

Guests: Mayor McGill
Chris Malone

Press : Suzanne Neal
Alan Sloan

Mark Littleton called to order and asked for approval of minutes from December meeting. Nancy Wenz made a motion to approve . The members approved.

Mayor McGill discussed some items that have been called to his attention. He introduced Mr.Chris Malone who shared some ideas that he contacted the Mayor about creating a volunteer program similar regarding what we are currently doing except that it would involve more male figures in the school. Men would commit one day per month where they would work with the administrators as to what types of things they could do to assist. It could involve safety . He would like to put a plan in place to accomplish this. He pointed out that there are several national organization that do this type of program. One such program is called DAD . He wonders how one goes about creating this kind of program. Mr.Malone has written information for the group regarding the research he has done thus far. He has also been in contact with Superintendent McIntyre. He gave examples of the differences in the Primary School security for the building entry and the Intermediate School. Mr.Malone provided additional information on his vision for implementing this type of volunteer program. Mark Littleton indicated that as a committee this was not something we needed to vote on in order to support this. He asked that Chris give each member a detailed paper on his plan. The membership would then contact our schools to provide this information and seek interest.

Mayor McGill pointed out that our town has a highly educated population and we should use our resources to provide support to our schools in terms of speakers etc. Mr.Singletary suggested some type of registry of persons interested in being speakers. Mark posed the question as to whether a registry would be accepted and used. He said that we could add these ideas to our talking points with our administrators.

Mayor McGill discussed what other cities are doing regarding the desire of many students wanting to have careers in community service. He stated that an interested group of students were in attendance at a recent meeting in Boston where the Town of Farragut received an award for DRIVE. These students were all very involved and interested. He would like to form a teen council in Farragut. These students would be involved in activities sponsored by our town and could spend time with key figures of the town administrators.Mark suggested that we, as a team, could bring this to the attention

of our assigned administrators and get some ideas on how to organize this. The Mayor mentioned that the school would not need to administer this but simply participate. Mrs.Craze and Mr.Littleton will work as a sub group with the Mayor and maintain contact with our respective administrators to determine the interest in forming this type of student committee.

Mr.Singletary presented the “talking points” information to the Mayor. He provided a copy of these “talking points”. All committee members have a copy from a previous meeting. He gave members an additional copy of the talking points and asked that revisions be made as needed. Mayor McGill stated that every business that he has been in contact with pointed out that they want to be involved in the community and that they are”civic minded”. He said he would be happy to use these “talking points”. These were approved and will be presented to the Mayor and Alderman.

Mr.Singleton tabled item five on the agenda which is his suggestion regarding the Schools’ Gift Basket .

Nancy Wentz presented a copy of the proposed banner recognizing the Involvement by the Town of Farragut. The high school vocational department will make these banners and the schools will purchase.

Nancy reported what the Middle School business partners have been doing for the school.

The meeting was adjourned.