



First Suburbs Consortium of Southwest Ohio
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 13, 2017
8:30 A.M-10:00 A.M
Silverton-Deer Park Joint Firehouse

Attendees: Mayor D. Pillow, Addyston; Mayor J. Smith, Silverton; Jenny Kilgore, Glendale; Bill Doering, Amberley Village; Gerri Harbison, Montgomery; Stacey Todd, HCP+D

Agenda:

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Follow up on HCPH Study
5. Survey Results
6. Planning for April Membership Meeting
7. Website Update
8. Next Executive Member Meeting on March 13
9. Other Business
10. Adjourn

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- Agenda approved, with addition of planning for April's membership meeting.
 - Treasurer's Report: J. Kilgore presented the current Treasurer's Report. FSC-SWO's Fifth Third Bank checking account has a balance of \$5,733.21. With four CD's, FSC-SWO has an ending balance of \$26,494.49. Currently, 17 communities have paid membership dues. J. Kilgore is planning to send out another call for members; also, the membership forms are on the new website.
 - HCPH Study Update: Mary Ellen Kramer from HCPH sent an email to contacts from the seven communities FSC-SWO executive committee agreed would be appropriate to participate in the Nutrition and Physical Health study that HCPH is conducting with their Maternity Health grant. Communities include: Addyston, Arlington Heights, Cheviot, Golf Manor, North College Hill, Silverton and St. Bernard. Currently, Cheviot, Golf Manor, NCH and St. Bernard are not paid members of FSC-SWO. To date, Addyston, Cheviot and Silverton are confirmed participants. Golf Manor is taking this to their council this week.
 - Survey results: a membership survey was sent out two weeks ago on Survey Monkey to all elected officials and admin personnel in HC communities (this totaled about 200 people). Eleven people responded; two from communities not currently members of FSC-SWO. Executive Committee reviewed the results and discussed potential topics for future meetings based on the feedback.
 - Planning for future membership meetings: the January membership meeting was focused on housing and was quite successful, so executive committee considered continuing this topic. Per the survey results, many communities are interested in tax incentives for housing redevelopment, rehab or construction, as well as zoning issues related to housing. One option may be to contact T.J. Ackerman with CiTiRAMA to discuss what builders are looking for in communities that make them desirable for housing development/ investment. Another theme prominent in the survey responses was related to fiscal emergency and/ or shared services. G. Harbison is going



to contact T.J. White with Center for Local Governments to ask for suggested speakers on the topic of what the tipping point is for communities on the verge of fiscal emergency.

- Executive Committee discussed the notion of allowing 2 representatives per community to attend membership meetings for free, but charging any additional attendees. HCML does this. Executive Committee decided we are focused on growing right now, and will postpone this consideration for a few months.
- Website Updates: Claire Krawsczyn with The Verano Group provided a proposal for on-going services for 6 months at \$350. She also provided a cost estimate for logo design; she gave two cost points, one at \$650 and one at \$2000. Executive Committee agreed to request her proposal for \$350 as well as the logo design through Untethered Design Studio for \$650.
- Other business: group discussed the connections among Ohio's First Suburb's Consortiums. There are currently 5: Northwest FSC, Dayton, Columbus, Toledo and FSC-SWO. Mayor Pillow and Bill Doering have been consistent in attending the state meetings in Columbus. This led executive committee to discuss if membership meetings should provide a call to action on particular issues related to state first suburbs issues, such as House Bill 49. At this time, membership meetings are mostly informational and do not consist of lobbying efforts.
- Next Executive Committee is scheduled for April 10th. Next Membership Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26th. S. Todd will confirm location and catering.