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NO QUORUM TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES**

**ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2022**

Welcome & Self-Introductions

- Meeting Started at 9:01 a.m. by Lee Anne Brown
- No Quorum determined by Lee Anne Brown

Present Voting members: Arlanxeo, Baptist Hospital, Chevron Phillips, Dow, Invista, Orange Co. Health, Orange Co. OEM

Present non-voting members: CERT, SETRPC, TDEM, TexasI GLO

September 2022 meeting minutes approval:

As there was not a quorum present, voting on approval of minutes of September 2022 meeting minutes was tabled for the time being.

Approval of September and October's Treasurer's Report:

As there was not a quorum present, voting on approval of treasurer's report of September and October 2022 reports were tabled for the time being.

Committee Reports:

Communications – Leon George – No report

Warning Signs/ warning signs upgrade - Regius Guillory – Lights have been checked and are all working. Firestone cut down the tree. Item to consider for 2023 Budget would be the two-year subscription for the lights. The subscription expires 12/31/2023 and was \$1600 in the past. May need to increase the budget to \$2000.

CERT - Lori Nash –Working on getting Classes

Bylaws - Robert Crane – Absent

Planning/Programs - Stephen Tew – Absent

Membership - Elgin Browning – Absent

Public Health – Sandee White-There were two confirmed COVID cases last month. Flu Type A is hitting hard. Flu Vaccines are available at almost all pharmacies.

Industry Group - Jerry Ziller – No Report

Old Business:

- Joel Ardoin is working on getting a CPA.
- Folders have been delivered to Elementary schools.
- Presenter for November 9th.

New Business:

- Lee Anne Brown thanked everyone for letting her serve these past years. She enjoyed it but it is time to pass the torch to someone else.
- Walraven Folders is requesting us to sign a contract for the 2023 folders by 12/31/2022. This will lock in the current price and include a 4% discount. Tabled due to no quorum.
- Regius Guillory suggested reaching out to the private schools and including them in the folder distribution.
- Joel Ardoin met with Lauren Brooks from Longterm Recovery Group. She researched the tax ID #, but could not locate the number with the IRS. We are not registered under Orange County LEPC. Joel is checking with the county and still researching. He will update the group when he knows something.
- Joel Ardoin stated Tim Ocnashek (Captain with Beaumont Police Department and SNCA Chair) is asking all Counties in the COG to send a representative to the All-Hazards Incident Management training in Long Beach, CA on March 3, 2023-March 9, 2023. SNCA sponsored \$4000 to cover expenses.
- Orange County Rebuild's 4th Annual Taste of the Holidays is tomorrow, November 10, 2022, at the Expo Center.
- Orange Kiwanis 73rd Annual Christmas Parade is December 3rd at 5:50 PM.
- Bridge City Chamber of Commerce Christmas Light Parade is December 3rd at 6 PM.
- 2023 Proposed Budget not discussed due to no quorum.
- 2023 Membership Fees not discussed due to no quorum.

Presentation:

John Overstreet with Orange County Public Health made a presentation on the Security in Houses of Worship. Copies of the PowerPoint are attached and can also be found at <https://www.fema.gov/blog/5-ways-improve-safety-and-security-your-place-worship-or-community-spaces>. Kaylan Arendale with SETRPC added that the Non-Profit Security Grant program normally opens Mid-January.

Announcements/Additional comments:

Regius Guillory suggested when looking at 2023 Budget that LEPC could sponsor members who attend conferences like has been done in the past.

Regius Guillory mentioned 2023 TCEQ grants and that we should prepare for application. Joel Ardoin stated we are in the process of working on it and Elgin Browning is writing up the project.

News/Recent Emergencies

No reports

Training:

- TCEQ Environmental Trade Fair and Conference on May 16-17, 2023 at the Austin Convention Center
- Texas Emergency Management Conference on May 30 – June 2, 2023 at the Fort Worth Convention Center
- Check www.preparingtexas.org for more training in our area

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 AM