

LEPC Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2019

12:00 pm Walters State Community College – Foundation Room

The meeting was called to order by LEPC Chairman Nathan Antrican.

Vice chairperson Chrissy Hicks shared a financial update. There is a total of \$168.00 in the LEPC account.

Secretary Lindsey Horn shared that the LEPC has applied for 4 Walmart grants and a State Farm grant. The Walmart grants are for \$1,000 each and the State Farm grant is for \$2,000.

Nomination for new positions were announced. Nathan will roll off as Chairperson and Chrissy will take the position. For Vice Chair, James Vaughn was nominated. All in favor, none opposed. A new position of Industry Chairman was introduced and Mike Warner was nominated. All in favor, none opposed. Both motions carry.

Discussion was had about moving LEPC meetings to the 2nd Thursday of the month to accommodate healthcare who have a meeting on the same day. After some discussion, issue was tabled.

The presentation for today focused on the financial repercussions of not having an emergency plan. Caleb Lawson spoke about the potential financial ramifications of not having an emergency plan in place. He shared the process of how to develop an emergency plan, including contacting the local EMA office for a template or assistance, and explained that a plan must not only be written, but also exercised and updated to ensure that it works.

He shared examples of entities that did not have plans, or did not train their employees on their plans. The damages included loss of life, records and important information destroyed disastrous public relations after the fact, as well as hefty fines for failing to comply with federal code.

Mary Moffat (Wimberly Lawson law firm) spoke from a lawyer's side of those repercussions, sharing examples of the penalties that companies had to pay for not complying with the laws and codes that require emergency plans.

After the presentation and questions, the floor was opened to training opportunities.

New chairperson Chrissy Hicks invited new members to stand up and introduce themselves.

EMA Director Chris Bell acknowledged outgoing chairman Nathan Antrican and thanked him for his service.

Quote of the day: "By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail." – Benjamin Franklin

The meeting was adjourned after some final remarks by outgoing chairman Nathan Antrican.

The Morristown LEPC would like to thank Fazoli's for providing lunch!

Our next scheduled meeting is January 14, 2020

Invite a friend!