

General Meeting Minutes

02/21/2017

President Peter Winters called the February Gainesville Amateur Radio Society meeting to order at 6:30 PM. At our new meeting location, Trinity United Methodist Church Room E-211. He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and had everyone introduce themselves. Approximately 35 members attended this meeting.

Sickness and health report: Walt Johnson has been heard DXing, and seems to be doing better.

Secretary's report: Gregory Sporer. Had nothing to report.

Treasurer's report: Susan Tipton. Reported that the club had received money from dues and from the PayPal account and from Amazon smile. She also reported outgoing expenditures to the state of Florida to renew our club license. To Trinity United Methodist Church for the use of our meeting room for the next year.

A motion was put to the membership to accept the treasury report as reported, was seconded and unanimously approved.

Webmaster's report: Bob Guertin was not present at the meeting due to sickness but reports over the phone to the President that he is fine and so is the website.

Ares Coordinator's report: Jeff Capehart, reported that the new Emergency Management Director for Alachua County Florida is John Shaw. Jeff also reported that the next Emergency Management meeting will be held at the Red Cross building on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 from 7 PM till 8:30 PM and that you may come at 6 PM to socialize.

Repeater Coordinator's report: Shannon Boal, reported that our repeaters are working and that the signals are strongest in the southeast area of Alachua County Florida.

Note: Dr. Jay Garlitz, AA4FL, will give a program at next month's general meeting.

The President then moved to old business. The Five Points of Life Marathon, will be held on Sunday, February 26, 2017. Allan West, WA4JD, WA4JD@cookie.org, Chairman of the marathon, still needs volunteers to work along the course. You can find a course map on the Gars website.

Hamfest: Saturday, April 29, 2017. Larry Rovak WB2SVB, Larry@rovak.net. Has flyers for the Hamfest to pass out around town and your town if you don't live in Gainesville, please pass them out at public places, and post them at stores & businesses etc.

The March for Babies: Saturday, April 1, 2017 the route is shorter. 6.8 miles. Volunteers are needed to staff communications. Please contact Pete Winters W4GHP, bugmeister13@cox.net (352) 317 – 2820.

New business: a new American flag is needed for our meeting room.

A motion was put forth to buy an American flag and staff. The motion was seconded voted on and unanimously approved.

A motion to adjourn was made seconded and unanimously approved at 8:05 PM. Our next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 6:30 PM, come earlier if you wish to socialize, at the Trinity United Methodist Church, room E- 211.

A thank you to Gordon L Gibby M.D. KX4Z for his wonderful presentation and a copy of his new book: Amateur Radio Digital & Voice Emergency Communications.