

CHCA Meeting Final Minutes
August 2025 - Approved 9/09/2025

1. **Attendance** - Leslie Caruso, Rachael Dorothy, Matt McKeegan, Alan Miroslaw, Mary Ann Ogle, Will Pearce, Lis Rundle, Ron Sears, Brittany Smith
2. **Review/Approve prior month's minutes** – *Mary Ann motion, Will second, passed.*
3. **Treasurer's Report**
 - **Membership Drive Results to Date**
 - Matt sent the P&L reports and reconciliation forms for the CHCA accounts (Checking, and Money Market Savings) for July 2025 in addition to the reconciliation form for the CHCA Savings account for June 2025; there was no July activity in the CHCA Savings account. He also sent an analysis of the 2025 budget (planned vs. actual) via email. The account balances are Checking ~\$8,562, Money Market Savings ~\$13,568, and Savings ~\$501.
 - Matt noted 2025 income is down ~\$500 from 2024 and ascribed this mostly to Membership Dues being greatly down but 5K Race Income being significantly up.
 - Regarding Membership Dues, Matt said he is considering writing a midyear Treasurer's report. The group further discussed this idea and publishing end of year results with rankings of participation rates per district. The group recommended adding the street addresses within each district in the discussed publications because neighbors may not know their district.
 - The group expressed that lack of awareness may be causing the decrease in participation and discussed exploring communication channels other the Courier and posts.
 - Will reminded the group that volunteers have been showing up to the events, as demonstrated by the impressive turn out of teenage volunteers during the 2025 Fourth of July event.
 - The group discussed better ways to approach Marketing; Ron suggested adding a highly visible flier to the Courier. The group noted that extra marketing documents cost money; Ron offered to help print fliers, if needed.
 - The group discussed that it may be helpful to add an officer position for Marketing/Communications/PR to help with participation concerns.
4. **New Business/Upcoming Events**
 - **Halloween Party/Pumpkin Patch**
 - Brittany confirmed she will chair the Halloween Party. Alan said he will post for a Halloween Party Cochair and keep posting.
 - Ron asked if the group liked the idea of adding more decorations to the Halloween Party. The group noted adding more decorations may be fun but also agreed that others may enjoy the current vibe of the event. The group commented that neighbors may be willing to lend decorations.
 - **Halloween Decorating Contest**
 - Alan said he will check on a potential Chair for the Halloween Decorating Contest.
 - **Officer Nominations/Applications**
 - The group commented again that it may be helpful add an officer position to help with Marketing/Communications/PR.
 - **New Trustee for District #25**
 - Will said that Jane Reida contacted him that her neighbor told her that they were willing to replace her as the trustee for her district. Will explained that he then sent them an email to confirm their interest and explain what the position would involve. Will said he is awaiting their response to his email.

- **Dementia Awareness Support Presentation**

- Alan explained that a representative from the Central Ohio Chapter Alzheimer's Association contacted him. She asked to present information about the association and the resources available to the community at an upcoming CHCA meeting. The group agreed the presentation would be a wonderful way to share this valuable information with the community. The agreed upon date for the presentation is September 9th during the CHCA meeting. Alan said he may set up a separate FB event and ask for the association's logo. Ron suggested adding the event to Courier, if possible.

5. September Courier

- Chris was unable to attend the meeting but noted via email that he will be working on the September Courier later this month (August).

6. Buddy Box Packing Event

- Leslie was able to attend the Buddy Box Packing event and shared that it was a wonderful event. She noted eleven people had signed up, but seventeen volunteers showed up to the event. Mary Ann said Emily posted a thank you on FB.

7. Public Comments

- Ron distributed a flier on a beer chugging run. He noted that it may be a clever way to fundraise using alcohol without having to get a permit for an event.
- Alan said there are also other fundraising events we could hold, such as neighborhood socials, at local venues that already allow alcohol.
- Rachael said we have the option to petition City Council to allow alcohol at events. She noted the group could write a form letter and send it on. Rachael confirmed that communicating to City Council via email would be acceptable. The group agreed it was an interesting idea and thanked Rachael for the information. The group discussed CHCA events during which alcohol may be a good fit. Matt asked about our liability coverage and noted he will check on liability insurance. The group thanked Matt for this input and agreed we need to verify our coverage.

8. Adjourn- *Mary Ann motion, Will second.*