

CHCA Meeting Final Minutes  
November 2025 - Approved 12/09/2025

1. **Attendance** – Leslie Caruso, Matt McKeegan, Alan Miroslaw, Mary Ann Ogle, Will Pearce, Lis Rundle, Ron Sears, Brittany Smith, Sean Roche, Michelle Roche, Lauren Curran, David Curran, Erin Zelinski
2. **Review/Approve prior month's minutes** – *Mary Ann motion, Will second, passed.*
3. **Treasurer's Report**
  - **Operations Year to Date**
    - Matt sent the P&L reports and reconciliation forms for the CHCA accounts (Checking and Money Market Savings) for October 2025. The account balances are Checking ~\$352, Money Market Savings ~\$20,687, and Savings ~\$500.
    - Matt noted the accounts remain healthy, though they are down ~\$500-\$1,000 this year.
    - Mary Ann mentioned she stopped by Massey's Pizza to discuss sponsorship opportunities. Matt shared that he reached out to The Roof Detective regarding sponsoring the Luminaries. It was also noted that another potential advertiser contacted Chris.
  - **Fund Balances**
    - Matt said that participation is currently around 27%, and he believes the article in the Courier helped slightly boost participation.
    - The group discussed publishing membership participation stats by street and highlighting high performers.
4. **Halloween Follow up and Thank You**
  - Leslie thanked Brittany for planning and running the event, and Alan for his outstanding outreach and publication efforts. The group also gave a huge shout out to Cynthia MacKenzie for CYMACK's pumpkin patch!
  - The group agreed the event was a success and extended a big thank-you to all the volunteers!
  - The group gave a special shout-out to Ron and the Worthington Fire Department. Ron shared that the fire department plans to attend the event annually and may eventually include a formal presentation.
  - Leslie noted that the Halloween Party Co-Chair position is open. Erin also mentioned she would like a Co-Chair for the Holiday Party.
5. **November Courier**
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    - Leslie said she is pleased to report that we will have a November Courier before the Luminaries and Holiday Party, thanks to our esteemed and brilliant VP of marketing and Communications (Chris Rule)!
    - Erin asked if she should prepare a write-up for the Food Drive; Leslie responded that Chris already wrote it. The group extended a warm thank-you to the neighborhood for contributing 2,234 lbs. of food, collected across five vehicles.
6. **2026 Calendar and Courier Tentative Schedule**
  - Ron asked about the advertising insert. Leslie suggested reaching out to Chris for a timeline, noting that it would depend also on GraphX. Will noted that the timeline may be too tight to implement the insert this year and suggested testing it for the Easter edition instead.
  - Leslie prepared and distributed a draft of the CHCA 2026 calendar. She said Jennifer Button contacted her regarding the CHCA's schedule for reserving the Shelter House.

- Erin confirmed she will chair both events, the Food Drive and Holiday Party, and agreed to the dates. Michelle volunteered to be Co-Chair for the Holiday Party, thanks Michelle! Will confirmed he will chair the Luminaries.

## 7. November Events

### • Officer Elections

- Leslie asked if anyone would like to run for a position as all positions are open. Mary Ann began the nominations by putting forward Leslie for President, and Will seconded. The results of the election were as follows:  
President: Leslie Caruso  
Webmaster: Will Pearce  
VP/Events: Alan Miroslaw  
VP/Communications: Chris Rule  
Treasurer: Matt McKeegan  
Secretary: Brittany Smith
- Congratulations, everyone!

## 8. December Events

### • Luminaries

- Will noted that Luminaries are on track, and he has purchased about half the required supplies. He submitted the workplan online as an attachment.
- Will announced three outstanding tasks:
  - Task #110, "Write Letter to Trustees to Pick Up Kits for their District." Leslie agreed to write the letter by November 29 (if sent via mail) or the first week of December (if sent via email).
  - Task #112, "Call Tree, to Phone all Trustees, Reminding Them to Pick Up Kits for their District." Will noted the set up will be on Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup>; he starts preparing the night before. Mary Ann, Alan, and Matt volunteered for this task.
  - Task #230, "Bring and Set Up Coffee and Donuts, etc." Mary Ann volunteered to continue managing this task.
- Will said he has completed the luminary volunteer request article and sent it to Chris. Will said he plans to post the article to the website toward the end of the week along with a SignUpGenius link. He requested Alan to include the article in a Facebook post because it has the SignUp link.
- Will gave a Shout out to Lis for posting signs for the events. The group agreed to make additional copies of the Shelter House keys for easier access to the storage closet and signage for Lis and Will.
- Will noted he added the Bundle Concierge position to check bundles and track the number of kits while loading into cars.

### • Decorating Contest

- Dave Nadolny agreed to chair the Holiday House Decorating Contest. Lis noted she is missing 1 sign for the House decorating competition (to be used for both the Halloween and Holiday house decorating competitions), in addition to 1 Pumpkin Patch sign. Ron offered to help with new signs, if needed.
- Alan said he will email Sherry, the principal of Colonial Hills Elementary School, to check if the signs were misplaced at the school.

### • Holiday Party

- Erin said the plan for the Holiday Party will be like last year (cookies and crafts). She is already placing orders, will check the storage closet for inventory, and asked Alan to post a request for volunteers.
- Leslie said she will contact last year's Santa; however, the group may need to put out an ad for a volunteer to be Santa this year. Erin suggested posting a Facebook ad for Santa.

Leslie noted that the costume is available. The group mentioned a neighbor, who previously worked as a professional Santa, might be willing to take on the volunteer opportunity. Michelle offered to contact the neighbor, and Leslie confirmed the position requires about two hours of work.

## **9. Public Comments**

- Lauren, who volunteered as the Easter Bunny, introduced herself: she is a senior at Thomas Worthington High School, lives in the neighborhood, plays on the school's tennis team, and dances at Artisan Dance. The group noted she is also a strong student.
- Sean, who volunteered at the Halloween Party, introduced himself: he is also a senior at Thomas Worthington High School, attends the Delaware Area Career Center for Cybersecurity, takes Physics at Columbus State, and interned at CoverMyMeds.
- Mary Ann said her, and Ron attended the Boundless/Elford development update meeting on Monday, November 10th, and thanked Ron for the signs and helping spread the word. Ron announced that an additional meeting would be held on Wednesday, November 12th, at 6:30 PM, by Worthington Together at Worthingway Middle School as a Community Choices workshop for public input to help choose the look and feel of key places, as part of the process to create our city's comprehensive plan.
- Ron shared a presentation he gave to City Council on October 20, 2025, regarding his concerns about the proposed Boundless-Elford Apartment Complex. He expressed that the 246 apartments with 355 parking spots would create unavoidable congestion at the Route 161 entrance, likely leaving City Council with two options: widen Route 161 to four lanes or connect a driveway through the southeast corner of the apartment complex to Indianola. Ron envisions that either outcome would negatively impact Worthington. Ron emphasized that he believes the community would be sacrificing either quality or safety if either solution unfolds. He further noted that employers increasingly relocate to areas where employees want to live, implying that because Worthington's desirability could be undermined by this development, the project could ultimately backfire on part of its intended benefits. Ron said he will put together a formal analysis of the research data for CHAT and ask Alan to point to it on Facebook.

## **10. Adjourn- Mary Ann motion, Will second.**