

MINUTES, CORNVILLE ASSOCIATION, MAY 11, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Deanna King at 7 PM.

Board members present were Deanna King, Lois Hook, Debbi Segall, Gregg Law and Ted Luke. Absent were Paul Graham, Nikki Lewis and Jan Tomlinson

Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Deanna King introduced the 2011-12 board.

Debbi Segall reported over 260 members. Ted Luke reported a balance of \$3800.53 in the budget. Lois Hook reported a successful Egg Hunt, with many donations from Cornville merchants and residents. There will be free medical screenings given by local doctors at Windmill Park Sat., May 14. On June 4, the 3rd annual Chili Cook Off will take place there. Deanna is working on August's Pink Heals tour, which will also come to Windmill Park. Proceeds help women in the Verde Valley fight cancer. Our goal is \$6000 from the 4 VV communities involved.

The Yard Sale on April 30 at the firehouse netted over \$533.10. Cindy of the Cornville Food Bank reminded everyone to put canned food out by their mailboxes Saturday for the Postal Service Food Drive. All food collected in Cornville goes to our food bank.

Lana Tolleson of the Task Force of Rediscover the Verde Valley spoke about spending locally, which helps provide protection, services, and recreation. The current Sunset Magazine features our Verde Valley Wine Region.

Steve Estes of the Verde River Greenway and Verde Valley Land Preservation spoke on the importance of open space and restoring the Verde River. A grant from the Walton Family focuses on the lower Colorado River Basin, which includes the Verde River and Oak Creek. He is talking to private ranch owners and homeowners to insure a healthy watershed. Many invasive plants are threatening the habitats and river flow. Examples are: cane(reeds), and breath of heaven. There are tax breaks for ranchers who preserve land rather than use it. His goal is a demonstration project in Cornville along Oak Creek.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Graham, Acting Secretary