

C.A.R.S. Meeting Minutes 5/19/25

Lake City Baptist Temple

Call to order: 7:00 pm Meeting ended: 8:00 pm

Presiding: President – Dalton Weatherford – (KK4KSM)

Officers Present: V.P. – Jim Taylor – (W4NZR)

Sec. – Marcus Perry – (KN4DCJ)

Tres. – Colen Boutwell – (WA5RKR)

Dirs. – Bill Bennett (KO4WOG), Fred Dawsey (WA4ZFQ)
and Gordon Beattie (W2TTT)

Members Present: _Bob Hinton, Daniel Vickers, Gary Whitehead, Hank White, Henry Price, Jim White, Kevin Gootee, Mike Corbett, Murray Smith, Nancy Beattie, Randy Hare, Steve Poll_____

Guests: _Craig Harnden_____

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag - All present

Prayer by: Marcus Perry

Sec. read the Minutes from the 5/19/25 meeting.

Once read, requires a motion to approve and a second.

Motion to approve by: Gordon Beattie 2nd: Nancy Beattie

Treasurer's Report: Beginning Balance \$ 590.37

Income \$ +406.00 = \$ 996.37

Expenses \$ -486.00 (Insurance)

New Balance \$ 510.37

Any **Old Business** to discuss:

- 1) The club's liability insurance has been paid. It was \$200.00. Secretary was given a copy of proof of insurance.
- 2) The directors still need to come up with a plan to get the C.A.R.S. club equipment out of the back room, before the roof caves in.

Any **New Business** to discuss:

- 1) Colen said it was time to purchase liability insurance on the bus that we use for Field Day. The price has increased so Colen wanted to get the club's approval on paying the \$286.00. After some discussion, a motion was made by Jim Taylor, to purchase the insurance. Randy Hare gave a second to Jim's motion. And a majority of members present agreed.

New Business (Cont):

- 2) The Madison Radio Club is planning another antenna build event, sometime in July. Probably after our July C.A.R.S. meeting.

Presentation:

Daniel Vickers - K4TWT, gave members a presentation about his path toward learning the radio art of CW. CW stands for “continuous wave; more often referred to as Morse Code.

Highlights: **CW Academy** (CW Operator’s Club) is an online training course. It is completely free, you work at your own pace. But they are looking for students that are serious about learning CW. Eight week sessions are offered three times a year. Training is two (one hour) classroom Zoom calls a week. They expect you to put in time practicing, when not in class. They offer Beginner, Fundamental, Intermediate, and Advanced classes. You will have to have a computer with a high speed internet connection and paddle keyer.

Better ICR (program one of Daniel’s advisors made to help learn CW through “head-copy” as opposed to learning letters by visual.)

Morse Mania (downloadable app.)

CW Podcasts (practice reading headlines in Morse.)

Long Island CW Club (online training course)

Morse Code Ninja (YouTube channel)

Upcoming Presentations / Events:

- *Hurricane season is right around the corner.*
- *Field Day(s) weekend of June 28th and 29th at Westside Elementary School.*

Marcus Perry (Sec.)

Signature:
