**ACoN Minutes**
March 24, 2015
6:30 p.m., Municipal Bldg, Room 204

Present:
Gary Yount, President Bill Busser Roger Brock
Ann Dicks, Vice President James Simmons, Jr. Betty Myers
Diane Saunders, Treasurer Rev. Brendolyn Jenkins-Boseman
Beth Copenhaver, Secretary James Matthews
Sgt. Mary Frantz, Aiken County Sheriff’s Office
Officer Jason Griffin, Aiken Public Safety

The meeting was opened by President Yount at 6:30 p.m. He distributed the minutes and asked that those in attendance review the minutes from January 27, 2015. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Diane Saunders distributed the treasurer’s report showing a balance of $1017.30. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer’s report. The motion passed unanimously.

Sgt. Mary Frantz (Aiken County Sheriff’s Office) gave a short report regarding upcoming community events sponsored by local law enforcement: Torch Run (April 30 on Whiskey Road), Cops & Calabash (April 28 and 29 at Fatz Restaurant from 4-10 p.m.), Treadmill-a-Thon (March 27 with Kroger), and Midland Valley Special Olympic Games (April 17). She mentioned that U.S. Marshalls had completed warrant sweeps recently in Aiken County.

The upcoming May 16th Law Enforcement Appreciation Luncheon (11-2 at the Public Safety Headquarters on Laurens St.) was discussed. Betty Myers talked about what she would try to solicit (food and drinks); others are soliciting donations/volunteers also. Expectations are for approximately 125-150 people.

Mr. Yount mentioned that ACoN election of officers will be held in November 2015. He will appoint a nominating committee; volunteers for this committee are welcome.

Mr. Yount gave information about the Focus Group which ACoN attended two weeks ago. The second meeting of the Focus Group will be Thursday night, March 26, in the Municipal Auditorium at 6 p.m. ACoN will share information about its history, purpose, and goals. Rev. Boseman gave her synopsis of the Focus Group meeting.

In other discussion, James Matthews reviewed information from the public information session regarding the relocation of the Aiken County Sheriff’s Office.

In a final discussion of the evening, it was decided to move the proposed safety sessions (which will be sponsored by ACoN and law enforcement) to September. Diane Saunders will talk with Chief Barranco regarding three possible dates for this event: Sept. 12, 19, or 26; we will also ask if the city fee can be waived for either Smith-Hazel or O’Dell Weeks for this event.

The next ACoN meeting will be May 26, 2015. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.