

GWCA Membership Meeting – Tuesday, November 20, 2012

Parry Carlson ran the meeting for Larry, who could not attend due to personal travel.

GWCA Business

- Treasury report. Balance is \$5,616.34 as of 10/31/12. Parry showed a slide with detail on the year's expenditures.

A representative from the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue came to speak about fire safety. "Every Step of the Way" is a program to educate high risk groups, preventing injury and death from fire and burns. High risk groups in terms of fire safety are young children and older people.

Interesting facts:

1. Most deaths from fire occur in homes without working smoke alarms.
2. Two types: ionization, which are more responsive to flaming fires, and photoelectric, which are more responsive to smoldering fires. One is not better than the other; they each come with advantages and disadvantages.
3. Must be kept clean (dust free)
4. Common types of fires include cooking, candles, electrical, and fireplace ashes
5. All households should have an escape plan, with a map and a designated meeting place.

Thanksgiving Day is the biggest day for fires. It is a day of amateur cooking; also deep fat fryers are widely misused.

No 50/50 Raffle.

Next meeting is February 19, 2013

The meeting adjourned at 8:26.