POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE, INC. (PAL)

The Police Athletic League, Inc. (PAL) Meeting was held on May 24, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. with Chief Marvin Mailey presiding. Members of the PAL Board in attendance were Kevin Baird, Esq. and Dr. Wilma Mishoe.

PAL PROGRAM UPDATES

MCpl. Keith Hester, manager of the PAL, stated that gym time for programs is still an issue as Capital School District is redoing their basketball courts. MCpl. further mentioned that the partnerships with the FBI and the Department of Correction with regards to the Green Beret Project are still going well. The program at Simon Circle continues on Monday thru Thursday from 2:30pm to 5pm and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There are approximately 30 children that participate and each child is given a meal. With no gym time available at Capital School District, MCpl. Hester is working on plan B for summer programs. Chief Mailey stated that there were two re-entries from Ferris that worked with Habitat for Humanity and that was an option for the youth as a way to pay back the community and teach skills other than sports. Ms. Regina Byers, a resident and member of Mt. Zion Church stated that she would be willing to volunteer her time one day a week to get a program started there. MCpl. Hester stated that there needs to be an incentive for the Youth to want to attend programs, whether it be a stipend or clothing. Donna Mitchell, Acting City Manager/Finance Director for the City of Dover offered to reach out to WSFS for grant monies to help with funding for the incentives. Chief Mailey mentioned that a letter of request was sent to the Criminal Justice Council for monies as well. There have been two (2) Wesley Students that have been helping out, that should be receiving a stipend and there also needs to be a Program Organizer for the PAL program that will be compensated. MCpl. Hester stated that it is his hope that these youth can be taught a skill that will help them into adulthood should they not be able to attend college.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Baird stated that the 1023 form has been submitted for PAL to be recognized as a tax-exempt organization under the 501(c) section of the Internal Revenue Service. Ms. Byers turned in suggestions to add to the by-laws, Mr. Baird will look them over and make revisions if needed.

NEW BUSINESS

2nd District Councilman Brian Lewis presented a check in the amount of $700.00 from his discretionary fund to the PAL Program. He stated as a former Police Officer in New Jersey, he understood the importance of the program and offered his full support. He further mentioned it is his hope that he is able to use these funds again next year if the budget allows. Councilman Lewis stated that he would like to see boxing offered as part of PAL and is looking forward to seeing the program grow in academics as well as sports.

The next PAL meeting will be on June 20, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Mishoe announced that the Mt. Zion Church will be holding a community event on August 12, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the corner of Queen and Fulton Streets. She mentioned that she would like the Dover Police Department Canine Unit to attend as well as representation from PAL. Ms. Byers stated that at this event between 150 and 200 backpacks will be passed out to the youth in the community.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:26 a.m.