

Easter Group – *Rebirth of Hope*

EIN: 80-0647738

MINUTES

Friday, May 4, 2012, 12:15pm – 1:15pm

St. Peter's See House

1. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

Present: Mim McConnell, Dorrie Farrell, Judy and Jack Ozment, Glenda Rice, Julia Smith, and Mary Wegner; Bill Winslow was present during the President's Report

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No items were added to the agenda at this time; however, Approval of Minutes was added later.

Dorrie moved and Judy seconded to approve agenda as presented. Motion passed.

3. GUESTS & PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR – None

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Bill Winslow joined the meeting to talk about the MEHS homeless project, and to give the Easter Group a check for \$554 from the *Living on the Edge* wristband business. Bill reported that all future revenue from the sale of wristbands will go directly to the Easter Group, and there is still some inventory left over. Kayla, a returning MEHS student, will be a contact for us next year. Mim encouraged Bill to submit a Spirit of Youth award to the students associated with the *Living on the Edge* business. Mim will send a thank you note to the MEHS students.

Mim reported that she has established a new website for the Easter Group, and purchased a new hosting plan. The Easter Group website can be found at <http://eastergroup.org/>.

5. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dorrie reported that all bedding is gone and went to both SAVF and the Sitka Fine Arts Camp. Dorrie gave copies of our remaining inventory to the Salvation Army and the White E. The Salvation Army came and took what they wanted first; as they give things away and thus had the higher priority. White E came and took things, and then Ted came and took the boots.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Jack reported that all of the bills have been paid the bills, and that we have \$8,885.32 in our account. He talked to the bank about changing the type of account we have, as the one we currently use has a service fee associated with it; however, it is not easy to change accounts, so we will stay where we are for now. Jack suggested that we may want to consider changing accounts in the future.

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7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Judy moved to and Dorrie seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

8. PROJECT REPORTS

- a. Boot Fundraiser: Dorrie reported that the PSA did connect us to a person that took four pairs of boots, and that Mim helped to coordinate another person getting three pairs of boots. The boots will be painted and then auctioned as a fundraiser for the Easter Group. There are still boots available to be decorated for the fundraiser.
- b. Community Resources Class with SCPS/Homeless Summit: Mim reported that Carolyn Lemming has left Sitka, and thus the Community Resources Class is no longer a viable option; the Homeless Summit can be its own event. After some discussion, it was decided to hold a Homeless Summit before the PHC.

Regarding the PHC location, Julia reported that to use the ANB Hall you must attend an ANB meeting to formally ask for permission, and if you want to use the kitchen you attend an ANS meeting. Julia offered to check the fall calendar at the ANB building to see what dates may be possible. Mim offered to check the Centennial Hall calendar for potential Summit dates.

- c. Application for 501 (c)(3), Form 1023, Status: Dorrie reported that the 501(c)(3) is still on hold, and that she will call Joanne Huff for the accounting assistance while continuing to look for legal assistance with the process. Dorrie and Mary will work on the application language.
- d. Vulnerability Index and 100,000 Homes Project: We watched a video and started the conversation about possibilities in this area. We decided that we needed to get more information about what is involved including the person-power resources needed to gather the data. Mim reported that Juneau just finished their Vulnerability Index. We will continue to discuss this item at our next meeting.
- e. Weekend Meal Program: Judy suggested that we table this discussion until we feel that we are at a place to look at offering an additional program. Also, we don't yet know what the needs are and if there is a role for the Easter Group in this area. We discussed the possibility of having food and nutrition organizations at the Summit, and perhaps holding a panel discussion on the topic. Dorrie reported that she had contacted the LIO regarding the school breakfast program legislation (SB 3 and HB 364); however, the bills never moved along in the legislative process so we could testify in support of them.

9. NEW PROJECTS and TASKS

Begin Planning for Fall Mini-PHC Event: It was decided to table the big discussions about our Fall Mini-PHC Event, as Ted wasn't able to join us today. Mim suggested and offered to send an email to our local homeless service providers and previous committee heads to let them know that we are going to hold this event, and to ask for committee volunteers.

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10. ADDITIONAL EASTER GROUP BUSINESS and COMMENTS/REPORTS - None

11. SET NEXT MEETING DATE(S) AND AGENDA ITEMS - Friday, June 1st @ 12:15 pm at St. Peters See House

12. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned