

Easter Group – *Rebirth of Hope*

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Minutes for the Friday, May 9, 2014 Meeting

Present: Dorrie Farrell, Dave Nuetzel, Jack and Judy Ozment, Evadne Wright, and Mary Wegner

1. **Call Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Agenda:** *Jack moved and Dave seconded to approve today's agenda. Motion passed.*
3. **Approval of Minutes from April 5 Meeting:** *Jack moved and Dave seconded to approve the April 5th Minutes. Motion passed.*
4. **Guests and Public Business from the Floor:** None
5. **Reports:**
 - a. **President's Report:**
 - i. **Family:** Dorrie reported that \$1,330 was spent to save the family from eviction. Dorrie and Ted met the couple twice and also consulted with Mary before agreeing to expend Easter Group funds. The Assembly of God contributed \$500, which reduced our final financial contribution to \$830. Since meeting with Dorrie and Ted, both of the individuals have secured employment and got connected to various benefits. Thanks to Dorrie and Ted for their service in support of this situation.
 - ii. **Eyeglasses:** Evadne requested \$80 from Easter Group to support the purchase of eyeglasses for a homeless Sitkan. Since the Easter Group had already discussed our support should a need such as this arise, Dorrie used Easter Group funds to purchase the eyeglasses, which was greatly appreciated by the recipient
 - iii. **Monthly Bank Statements:** Dorrie spent \$37.50 of Easter Group funds to get 4-years of monthly bank statements so she could complete the required tax forms and set up Quicken.
 - iv. **Rasmussen Connection:** At a recent community event Dorrie happened to sit next to a funder from the Rasmussen Foundation, who clarified that they are interested in supporting projects that help alleviate poverty. Dorrie and Chris Perez from Rasmussen are now in contact with each other. Dave also shared that the Sitka Legacy Fund has opened their application period.
 - v. **Housing Situation:** There is a father with two young children who, through Sitka Counseling, has requested support from the Easter Group; however, since we do not know if the father has legal authority to be the guardian of the children, this matter has been referred back to Sitka Counseling. The family is living in a car.
 - vi. **Tent Request:** A request was made on behalf of a homeless Sitkan for a tent and tarp. Dave has the tent and tarp ready for the individual, who has not stopped by to get the resources from Dave for the past 6 months. Another attempt will be made to encourage the individual to go to SAIL to get the tarp and tent resources waiting for him there. (p.s. Dave can help fix tents and bikes.)
 - vii. **Braveheart's Publication:** Dorrie shared a publication that Braveheart put out about their programs. It is an impressive publication designed to build program development funds and volunteers. Once we get more established, something like this could be an option for us.

- b. **Vice President's Report:** Not at this time
 - c. **Treasurer's Report:** Since Dorrie has had the checkbook to work on the taxes she reported that we have \$12,267.40 as of April 30th.
 - d. **Secretary's Report:** Mary reported that she will stay on the Easter Group Board even though she is moving to the Superintendent position this summer, although her replacement will become the Homeless Liaison for the Sitka School District.
6. **Unfinished Business**
- a. **Review of Planning Documents and Final PHC Debrief Minutes:** We reviewed the document and discussed how best to coordinate specific client needs when they arise.
7. **New Business**
- a. **Consumer Service Fund (CSF) Form:** Dave shared a draft form of an application to use when a client requests funds from the Easter Group. Mary will make it into a final form.
 - b. **ALPS Signatory:** Mary was added to the ALPS Signatory Form, and Mim's name was removed.
8. **Additional Business, Comments, and Discussions:** Evadne and Turney will be staying for the next year even though their 3 years are up!
9. **Set Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items:** Friday, August 15th @ 11:30 pm in the Sitka School District's District Office Board Room.
10. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 pm.