

## **Easter Group**

**August 14, 2009**

Habitat for Humanity - Anchorage office said the Juneau office had just closed.

Ted said chance of receiving any funding or help is slim.

Adopt a School program – Sitka Lutheran Church contributes \$30.00 per month to Baranof Elementary. Bridget talked with Charlie Robison about a program and need at the High School. There is a need but the students who need a breakfast arrive on the bus and must head right to class. There is no time to stop. The Home Economic classroom at the high school may be available but Mike Viera has moved into it for the time being. Dorrie and Bridget will make an appointment with Steve Bradshaw to discuss the use of the room.

Note: The room is now a class and activity room for Special Education and not available.

Jericho Road –

Ted is no longer with SCAPS so unable to report. Father Dave reports Jericho Road is on the fringes. A grant request needs to be rewritten. The Board wants the program to continue so needs to (din a?) a way. Jericho Road is the Brainchild of Father Gordon of SCAPS and he is looking for a way to keep the facility open. Can the Easter Group do something (partner) to keep Jericho Road open.

Jericho Road has run out of money and did not have time to write a grant. Jericho Road partners with SCAPS and Faith community.

Wanted Faith community to be on JR Advisory Board. Easter Group could write letter to SCAPS asking for representation on JR Advisory Board and/or the JR Review Board (staff responsible for operating JR and a few Advisory Body)???

Note: No action proposed or taken. Will be considered at next meeting

## Homeless Summit Questions & Discussion:

Can Easter Group organize a summit and involve SAFV, SCAPS, Salvation Army, the mayor, the city?

The Salvation Army ran out of money 6 months into the year.

Grant Funds – Alaska Housing asked Father Gordon to make a presentation at one of their workshops.

Within the next month. Issue invitation to groups

SAFV, SCAPS, Salvation Army and general public.

Jericho Road – original vision – initial start from SCAPS but Father Gordon wanted Faith community to carry the load. Many of the original people left. Father Gordon did not get notice from state to reapply for grant. Father Scott and Father Larson (?) have strong vision for homeless

Need for Liason– Liason between Easter Group and Saint Gregory Catholic

Father Dave moved Easter Group sponsor a Homeless Summit to which we invite all the parties currently involved and the general public.  
MSP.

Ted will come up with the opening letter and agenda, Father Dave will sort out venue, date and cost.

Ted will talk with people interested in speaking at homeless summit – SAFV, SCAPS, St. Peters, Police Department, Hospital, Churches, Fire Department, City, Mayor to moderate the panel.

Goals – homeless and almost homeless - identify resource. How are people approaching/solving issue? What is the communication and coordination between groups? Discover the gaps & determine the unmet needs.

JR & Easter Group – solicit involvement

Ted is willing to participate in JR/EG. Does the EG want to be formally engaged in JR?

Note: – Housing Summit – participation with SCAPS/JR

Conservation issues – more action needed

Communication:

Father Dave proposes Easter Group take responsibility for keeping congregations informed of planning, issues (?)

Also proposed inviting congregation members to participate. All MSP

Contacts within Easter Group Lutheran – Kim Hunter and Jill Johnson

Methodist – need to make contact with them since Trent and Linda departed. Dori will contact Methodist church and Catholic church.

Ministerial Alliance Group - focus on Community Thanksgiving, Easter Service, Baccalaureate, \$1,000.00 scholarship – not necessarily societal and justice issues. (Communicate with original members). Meets the second Tuesday of each month at an undisclosed location.

### General Announcements & Info

Father Dave – Easter Group investigates sponsoring a CROP Walk in 2010? MSP

Health Care petition available at Farmers Market and Old Harbor Books.

**Sojourners** – Faith, Politics, Culture – Health care initiative.

<http://go.sojo.net/campaign/healthcare>

See letter to the editor – August 12 or 13.

Political Action

Start campaign for small government – paving, airports, school.

Dorie and Father Dave are going to start a campaign to get government out of our lives. ;)?????

Fair Trade – does outreach committee order enough items to fill back room?? Yes!!

Fair Trade/Craft fair. People take responsibility for fair, people rent tables and order their own things. Venue – Need something large enough for everyone to be together. Can Parish have a Fair Trade on Saturday? Progressive Fair Trade Event/Saturday. Avoid duplication of organizations.

SERVE – look up on the web – not sure if this is the correct site or not - <http://www.servemarketing.org/> ????

Next meeting – Friday September, 11, noon at Saint Peters

