

EASTER GROUP MEETING

March 24, 2017

1. ROLL CALL, CALL TO ORDER

Present: Julia Smith, Julie and Loyd Platson, Dave Nuetzel, Chandler O'Connell, and Mary Wegner

2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA, APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Two items were added to the agenda - a request for assistance that came in via email today, and advocacy needs at the federal level.

Loyd moved and Dave seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Passed.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** No minutes were presented for approval.

4. **PUBLIC, GUEST INTRODUCTIONS:** Chandler was welcomed and introduced.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Evaluation of Project Homeless Connect January 25, 2017:

- **Space:** Turnout was good this year and that meant that space was limited at the Salvation Army, which meant there was no private space for some of the confidential conversations especially during the Intake process. We discussed whether to stay at the Salvation Army or move back to Harrigan Centennial Hall where they have the new expandable meeting room spaces although it would come with a cost. An option presented was to consider ANB Founders Hall for a location. We also discussed the benefits and drawbacks of having one vs. multiple PHC events. Of note was the realization that the scaled back services we offered for the past two years seems to be well-aligned with the services most in need vs. having any and all services available in case they are needed.
- **Items:** Murray Pacific collects old Extra Tuffs. Our outreach to churches to collect coats, hats/gloves, and blankets has been successful. The need to add sleeping bags to the list of items to collect was noted.
- **Timing:** The idea was put forward to hold the event on a Saturday instead of a work day.

B. Utility Bills donation: The City now has a fund to help citizens pay their utility bills; however, we do not yet know whether or not there is an administrative fee. Mary will call the City to gain more information.

6. REPORTS

- A. **PRESIDENT**- Received Grant from White Elephant, Spoke on Raven radio - <https://www.kcaw.org/2017/03/23/easter-group-homeless-neighbors/>. Worked with treasurer to assist with paying one family facing eviction.
- B. **VICE PRESIDENT** - Julie reminded us about our process of going through Salvation Army when requests come in, as they can provide the case management and help to ensure that duplication of services between organizations does not occur.
- C. **SECRETARY** - A request for help in connecting to AHFC came in recently. Dave shared some insights and Mary will follow-up with the individual.
- D. **TREASURER** - Dorrie submitted a 4th Quarter Banking Summary, a 2016 Annual Summary, and a checking statement through 3/15/17. Our current balance is \$10,063.42.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Planning for Annual Meeting:** Our next meeting will be our Annual Meeting, where we will review our Annual Goals/Plan. It is also seems to be time to review our By-Laws. Mary will send a copy of the By-Laws via email. Tuesday, May 9th from 1-3 pm at St. Peter's See House.
 - B. **Federal Budget:** There was a Call for Action from the National Low Income Housing Coalition regarding the Affordable Care Act Repeal; however, this morning the vote was pulled and is not expected to reappear, and thus no action is needed on our part at this time.
8. **SET DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, May 9th from 1-3 pm at St. Peter's See House.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Julie moved and Dave seconded to adjourn our meeting. Passed.