

## EASTER GROUP – MINUTES JAN. 15, 2010 MEETING

Mim, presiding as facilitator, opened the meeting with a prayer.

A suggestion to discontinue the emailing of minutes and post only on the website, offered by Dorrie, was rejected.

Pastor Sandra S. Rudd will be added to the EG mailing list.

The minutes for the December meeting were accepted w/o challenge.

Mim offered an update on the web site as follows:

The site is [www.eastergroup.org](http://www.eastergroup.org).

Members are listed

Links are available on the site and it is possible to offer a link which could be used by clients to access help. The LIO format can be used for this. Ted volunteered to complete

### Small Work Groups

The publicity release which Ted had crafted was distributed and summarized. There was a discussion about changing the name to a less faith based name but here was objection to a change, based on the original intent and identity. The openness of the EG to all could be included in the mission statement, which will be addressed at the Retreat next month.

### Reports

Marie reported on coordination of agency efforts and suggested an advocate may be needed. It was suggested advocates could be requested via church bulletins. Whatever the source, training will be required for advocates, with particular stress on confidentiality and sensitivity to the community. Marie also provided Community Resource Guides.

Martina noted that SAFV does not accept outside releases for information from other agencies. Bridget (?) added that releases could be virtual and physical at one site. It is important to include public info on confidentiality in news releases

Ted reported he is working on a grant for a mobile unit which will serve as clinic, staffed with medical personnel, life support, counseling for practical issues and spiritual issues. There is a possibility of a vehicle from SEARHC. Obtaining and outfitting a vehicle will depend on possible grant from HHS.

Ted & Bridget reported on the breakfast program at SHS. At present, they are supplying nutrition bars which they purchase by case (140/case) and which are discreetly given to students who may need additional early day nutrition.

Dorrie reported on the breakfast programs at KGH and BMS. KGH has a warm breakfast program which serves about 20 students each day and is facilitated by the counselor, Deanna Twaddle, who also has a supply of supplemental nutrition bars for those too late for the warm meal (7:45 AM) but in need of early day nutrition. She is funding this with discretionary funds. Casey Demmert, VP at BMS, reported there is no warm breakfast program there

but he does consider it is important to establish. He does purchase nutritional bars but would welcome a sponsoring group to underwrite the cost of a warm breakfast and the supplements. Farrell also reviewed the established program at BES which is sponsored by the Lutheran Church Women and administered by the counselors .

#### EG RETREAT

A 3 hour retreat will be held Sat., Feb. 20 from 9 AM-noon. The purpose is to draft, edit and adopt a mission statement and to work on realistic awareness and action goals for the year which are acceptable to the group. Bonnie will prepare PSAs for the event.

Minutes submitted by Dorrie Feb. 14, 2009. Please print and bring to the next meeting for approval .