

## **EASTER GROUP MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 1, 2010**

The Easter Group met Friday, October 1, 2010 at St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church in the main floor meeting room at 12:05 with Mim McConell acting as facilitator. Present were McConnell, Judy Ozment, Joan Vanderwerp, Mary Hughes, Judy Johnstone, Jack Ozment, Steve Fish, Dorrie Farrell and Kari Fish.

First item of business was to appoint/elect officers. Mim will continue as president by unanimous consent, Dorrie will act as VP focusing on projects (grants, IRS requirements, contacts within local faith based organizations, and setting up a local bank account with best terms). Judy J. volunteered Pauline Fredrickson as a skilled secretary and Jack Ozment will take on treasurer responsibilities. Mim, Jack and Dorrie will be signers on the account.

### Blatchley Middle School Breakfast Plans

Dorrie reported on the ongoing plans for a breakfast program at Blatchley Middle School. A recent meeting with Kari Segal and John Hedden at the school showed a preference to offer breakfast to any student wishing to participate and continue to supplement the standard cereal w/milk and a piece of fruit to hungry students in the form of nutrition bars. They also plan to offer a monthly "event" which will feature a breakfast of items such as toast w/jam, a small serve of sausage, milk, prepared by faculty and open to any student who wishes to participate. Hedden and Segal advised that Superintendent Steve Bradshaw would have to agree to a two-tier program suggested by Farrell, for a hot meal, with nearly identical tickets distributed and tracked by staff to avoid any stigma associated with some students receiving subsidized meals while others, whose parents wished to purchase tickets, paid full fare. There would be additional tracking and accounting tasks for the Blatchley staff requiring Bradshaw's ok.

Lengthy discussion of the costs and nutritional benefit of those plans resulted in the Easter Group expressing a preference for underwriting a more traditional hot meal prepared by the contractor (NANA) and delivered daily to the school. Cost of the NANA meal is \$1.50 vs. \$1.49 for the cereal/milk offering with consensus favoring a more nutritional offering (the hot meal).

Dorrie was directed to make the necessary contacts with NANA, the SSDO staff and Mr. Bradshaw and arrange for the first meals ASAP.

### Grant Application and Pledge Status

Mim will check with the church secretary for any information concerning the grant application to the Alaska Episcopal Diocese which she submitted in the summer. She will also request the two pledges from the St. Peters, totaling \$800, be made available.

Dorrie had no new information on the grant application for \$1,500. submitted to the local Holland America advisory board in August. She indicated the chances of receiving funds from that source were slim as the focus of HA is most often on the arts and youth groups.

She will check with the Anchorage office for any activity on the application.

The \$1,000. pledge made by St. Gregory's former pastor will be checked out by Joan Vanderwerp with the new pastor, Fr. Peniston.

#### 501 ( c ) ( 3 ) Application

Mim has done considerable work on the application form which runs to about 25+ pages. She had prepared two resolutions, #2010-1 (board approval of any compensation arrangements) and 2010-2 (conflict of interest issues re compensation). She requested a motion to accept the documents; M/S Mary, Jack to accept #2010-1, motion passed. M/S Jack/Steve to accept #2010-2; motion passed. Mim received the necessary signatures on the resolutions. She also shared the Article of Incorporation and the By-Laws prepared by her. Citing excessive time demands she asked that others take over the task of completing the application for the IRS. Mary Hughes and Dorrie agreed to work together to complete and submit the forms in a timely manner, making any necessary calls/inquiries to obtain the information. Jack will contact Denny Pearson, local attorney, with a request for a review of the completed form before it is submitted to the IRA.

Mim also advised that items still needed for the application are meeting agendas, minutes of meetings, documents from the Homeless Summit in October, 2009, any news releases, a list of members of the Easter Group (Mim will do), a list of officers and a narrative description of the program of Easter Group.

#### Miscellaneous Items

Judy O. will look into the backpack/grocery bag "take home for the weekend food staple program" to obtain further info on sources of food items, arrangements for school(s) chosen to begin the program, permissions required, etc.

Kari offered to teach a basic cooking class for slow cooker food preparation and also tips on best use of the microwave in meal preparation.

Adjourned at 1:15 PM. Next meeting scheduled for Nov. 12 at noon; Mary will check if the Nov. meeting can be held at the Methodist Church. (Look for a later confirmation of date, time, place of Nov. meeting).