

Easter Group – Rebirth of Hope
Minutes March 11, 2011

Meeting was called to order by Mim at 12:10 PM.
Agenda was approved.
Minutes were approved.

President's report: Received a letter from the White E. Cannot assist with rents from homeless so grant was not approved.

Attended Sitka Community Development Corporation (SCDC) meeting, concerning affordable housing. They are working toward a community land trust.

South East Deanery Convocation, Episcopal Church, May 6&7, worship will be on homelessness, presentations on what Juneau is doing.

Dorrie and Mim went to the teleconference Senate H&SS Report on AK homelessness, several agencies reported (see Easter Group Web site).

Vice President's Report: Senate Bill 3 – feeding hungry school children. Breakfast program includes 15% additional funds to lunch and breakfast programs. Has passes the Senate and House, still needs to be funded. (see Easter Group Web site).

Sitka Charitable Trust has a grant program, Dorrie will look into this. Holland America also has grants – but mostly for arts programs.

Dorrie has had contact with two homeless people. One woman is 60's is housesitting now but will need a home soon.

Treasurers Report: Balance of \$4,901.05. \$1,820.00 in donations for Cynthia. Dorrie is figuring how much is owed.

Unfinished Business:

Pacific High – Judy and Kari had a meeting with Sara, Co-principal. Currently have AmeriCorp Volunteer who does the breakfast program. Most students qualify for lunch assistance. Breakfast and lunch program are funded. Feel like backpack program not needed. Do not need assistance at this time.

Transitional Living Program, Sharon Stitz runs it – may need food. Do need homes for teens.

Talked to Assistant to the Principal of Keet.; they are aware of the Backpack Program. 25 families qualify for full lunch program. Would be interested in program – next steps need to be decided.

Application for 501(C)(3). Lily Herwald gave us good information about what needs to

be done before becoming a non-profit. After discussion Julia made the motion to table the work toward Non-Profit status and to partner with another non-profit to fulfill our mission. Seconded by Duna Fullerton. Passed unanimously. We may work with churches or a non-profit. Mim thought SAIL might be a good partner.

Helping Cynthia become Dorrie's life work –

We owe Michael LaGuire - \$964.77, JoAnn Clyde \$803., Dorrie Ferrel \$1,000.00 for a total of \$3,847.77 in expenses for housing and food. Motion was made by Pastor Fullerton, Seconded by _____, to pay these bills. Pass unanimously.

Honoring Men Banquet – Decided to put this on hold. We will keep the date of Oct 22, at the Centennial Building for now.

Definition of Homeless Shelter: An agency need to have 501(C) (3), to meet the state shelter for homeless definition.

Homeless summit: Will be modeled on the last summit. Also will ask agencies to put together confidentiality agreements, universal release of information between agencies so that they can talk together about mutual clients. Sept. 22 is the date of the summit.

New Business: Faith Into Tomorrow Grant with Episcopal Church. Grants are due June 1. Will discuss at next meeting.

Will look into Foraker Group training for the board.

Next meeting will be held April 15, at Noon. Place to be announced.

Submitted by Julia Smith