

**EASTER GROUP – SECOND RETREAT MEETING
SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2010**

Meeting called to order at 9:15 A.M. with a prayer by facilitator, Mim McConnell.

Attendees: Mim McConnell, Jim Berry, Judy Ozment, Dorrie Farrell

Minutes of Feb. 20 accepted as emailed and posted on web site .

Unfinished Business

Juneau Homeless Census

Mim distributed an email from Scott Ciambor on Juneau Homeless Census which will be done March 30-31. During the count homeless kits will be distributed.

Flyers will be developed to publicize the census.

Mim informed that Cheryl Westover is spearheading the Sitka census and this includes counting the homeless residents of Sitka.

Email Addresses for Members

Jim requested that a list of email addresses be sent to all members. Dorrie to compile and send.

Homeless Survey

A report on the homeless survey will be given at the April meeting, when all members of the task force are present.

New Business

Pacific High School Survey

Mim had a survey mailed to Dorrie and the Easter Group by Phil Burdick at Pacific High School. It was completed by the group and will be returned to PHS by Dorrie.

Faith into Tomorrow Grant Application

Mim explained the grantor is Episcopal affiliated, the total available for Alaska is \$5,000+ and due date for the application is June 1. Suggestions for possible uses included funds for supplies for the mobile care/rescue unit and Power Pack meals (see below). Agreed to table to April meeting for further discussion and completion of the grant application.

SEARHC Vehicle

Jim reported on progress and current status of the SEARHC vehicle. He reiterated the need for a completed homeless survey to determine need, possible routes and hours of service, staffing requirements, and supplies required. He noted that a number of medical personnel had expressed interest in volunteering services and said there are outdated medical supplies (non-time sensitive) which can be made available. He believes that auto insurance will be contributed by SEARHC. Fuel and maintenance of the vehicle will be the responsibility of the Easter Group. Before medical supplies and basic supplies for the homeless can be initiated, a storage space should be identified and acquired. In response to a question, he said the program could be up and running in 60 days. Further details next meeting.

Hunger

Judy presented plans to survey all agencies and groups offering meals and

groceries to the homeless. She will involve Mary and Evie in that phase. She also shared info on a program offered by a woman in a Pennsylvania Episcopal parish, identified as the Power Pack Project. Groceries for the weekend are distributed in schools on Fridays, to those children whose families may need aid to supply adequate nutrition to replace that offered by school breakfast/lunch programs, enlisting the help of the school counselors. Judy will work with her committee to plan and implement such a program by fall, 2010 in Sitka..

Dorrie shared the well organized, simple cookbook written and printed by Evie. There were raves and compliments for the depth of information, the simple recipes, budgeting info and useful tools included.

School Lunch Programs

Dorrie reviewed info on the school breakfast programs and will have complete figures on both school breakfast and lunch programs for the next meeting.

Press Releases/Meeting Notifications

Mim requested that all participating churches be contacted to request inclusion of info on upcoming Easter Group meetings in the weekly bulletins. Dorrie will send emails to pastors. Mim will be responsible for sending out PR to paper, radio, etc.

Agenda Items for April 9 Meeting At St. Peters-by-the-Sea from noon to 1 P.M.

Follow-up on all reports (vehicle, survey, feeding programs, education)

FIT grant application

Power Pack Projects

Resource Chart design for web site.