

**MINUTES – EASTER GROUP ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING
SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2014**

Present: Dorrie Farrell, Judy and Jack Ozment, Dave Nuetzel, Gayle Young, and Mary Wegner

- 1. Roll call/Call to order**
- 2. Additions to Agenda:** PHC Minutes and Treasurer Report were added to the agenda
- 3. Approval of Minutes from PHC Debrief on March 25, 2014:** The income and expenses were updated to reflect changes since the Debrief meeting.
Judy moved and Jack seconded to approve the minutes with the updated financial figures. Passed.
- 4. Treasurer Report:** We currently have \$10,995.89 in our checkbook. We still have PHC bills to pay.
- 5. Announcements:**
 - a. Gayle was introduced to the group members present. Gayle used to work with SERRHC in the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder unit; however, SERRHC has since closed that department.
 - b. Dorrie reported on who she delivered the Annual Meeting packet to in the hopes of inviting involvement by more agencies/resources. We also brainstormed members that would be good to invite into our mission.
- 6. Review of 2014 Goals and 2014-2015 Strategic Plan:**
 - a. **Review of Goals and Strategic Plan:**
 - i. Concern was noted that a focus on building a shelter is not very realistic given the fact that possible buildings will need extensive renovation and we really don't have enough agency involvement to make it meaningful. A solution may be targeting our support for those currently in need who are ready to receive help vs. focusing on establishing a homeless shelter first. Goals for 2014 were updated.
 - ii. Our 2014-15 Strategic Plan was updated to reflect our current goals.
- 9. Dedicated Contingency Fund:** We agreed that we need to build a Contingency Fund to help support our *Homelessness Assistance System* goal, as well as needs that arise during the year. We discussed working with Ministerial Association to have an envelope distributed around Easter to raise funds.
- 10. Event/Publicity Team:** Focus would be to keep EG's presence in the public, and do one significant and enjoyable fundraiser a year. Perhaps we can enlist people not currently involved to do this.
 - i. **Flyer:** Suggestion was to create a one-page flyer to promote our work and ask Ministerial Association to share with congregations around town. Dave will draft something to start.
 - ii. **Homelessness Advocate Award:** Idea was to honor a Sitkan annually to acknowledge work they do supporting our efforts.
- 11. Follow-up Team:** Goal is to contact clients from PHC who requested help, and then aid them in seeking a resolution. Topic will be added to a meeting agenda.
- 12. Bookkeeping:** Dorrie would like to pursue purchasing Quicken to provide bookkeeping records.
Dave moved and Mary seconded to purchase Quicken. Motion Passed.
- 12. Set next meeting and Adjourn:** Next meeting will be Friday, May 9th at 11:30 am at the District Office Board Room. Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

2014 PLANNING DOCUMENT

THE 8 MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

As developed by the United Nations

- Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- Achieve universal primary education for children
- Promote gender equality and empower women
- Reduce child mortality
- Improve maternal health
- Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
- Ensure environmental sustainability
- Create a global partnership for development

THE EASTER GROUP MISSION STATEMENT

The Easter Group is an ecumenical community of faith whose mission is to strive to end extreme poverty and empower people, and bring about a rebirth of hope. In support of the Millennium Development Goals, we commit to identifying and implementing local projects that serve those in need. Our actions are for the benefits of all regardless of personal faith, culture, or beliefs.

2014 GOALS

Issue 1 - Work on Homelessness Issue:

- A. Continue to sponsor a *Project Homeless Connect* annually
- B. Continue to facilitate a *Homelessness Summit* annually
- C. Continue to hold a *Candlelight Vigil* on December 21st annually
- D. Establish a *Homelessness Assistance System*, as defined by a focus on supporting a person/people needing services to move out of homelessness or avoid homelessness including but not limited to providing coordination of resources and funds

Approximate time frame for the issue: April 2015

Issue 2 - Hunger and Nutrition:

- A. Continue to support the *Blessings in a Backpack* program
- B. Support *Student Nutrition* program requests
- C. Support work happening in the community regarding the development of a summer food program – *No Hungry Sitka Kid!*

Approximate time frame for the issue: April 2015