

EASTER GROUP DRAFT MINUTES – MAY 14, 2010

Attendees:

Jim Berry
Mim McConnell
Evie Barber
Ginny Wood
Pauline Fredrickson (new to group)
Jill Johnson
Mary Hughes
Joan Vanderwerp
Judy Ozment
Kathryn Snelling
Dorrie Farrell

Meeting called to order by Mim McConnell at 12:05 P.M.

Prayer offered by Pauline Fredrickson

Additions to agenda

Coordination of efforts within group and sub-groups
Sharing of info within group and sub-groups

Unfinished Business

Reports:

Jim Berry – vehicle acquisition

No new info from SEARHC. Reviewed previous findings on terms for acquisition of “rescue, aid” vehicle.

Pauline – pointed to need to identify possible volunteer drivers, and parking space before acquiring vehicle

She volunteered to speak with Frank Sutton about terms of acquisition; Jim will speak to Mr. Sutton also.

Dorrie – related conversation with another member of the committee about his negotiations of terms of acquisition and the need for committee members to share information and coordinate efforts before action is taken, in order to avoid misunderstandings and possible damage to efforts already underway

Judy, Mary, Joan – grocery program

Lengthy discussion about information available concerning what type of grocery program could be implemented immediately, what sources of funding are available to support the program and possible partnering sites that could supervise a grocery and/or summer lunch program.

Both costs of purchasing and shipping grocery items are potential roadblocks. However, there is a Food Bank of Alaska central office in Anchorage, which offers a number of cooperative programs for rural locations such as Sitka; one is a federally funded program for children which offers ready-to-eat nutritionally balanced lunches to be consumed on-site with adequate supervision and no costs for either the

food or the shipping and could be adapted to a partnering arrangement with an existing agency.

A strictly grocery program would require both purchase and shipping expenses.

Any program offered through FBA assistance must not compete with another already in existence,

New Business

Slow cooker (crock pot) program

Evie reported on a SAIL cooking program which will be initiated to demonstrate preparing and assembling nutritious, inexpensive meals using a crock pot. The goal is to have available the ingredients for each attendee to measure out and take home for his/her family. The current audience is adult parents.

A suggestion was made to provide crockpots to participants w/o any further action taken.

There was extensive discussion of benefits of offering that program or perhaps one on microwave techniques, for children. No action taken on that proposal.

Barber has contacted the Juneau office of FBA and has info on food items which may be eligible for subsidy. She also noted the role of both SAFV and DVR in such a program..

Food/nutrition summit

Judy suggested a food/nutrition program patterned after the homeless summit of October, '09.

M/S – Dorrie/Jim to organize summit

Mim stressed need to act quickly. Motion died w/o a vote taken .

Supper Program

Mim advanced a proposal she had made at the last meeting to initiate a supper program once or twice weekly. She said that has been the topic at a recent St. Peter's newly-formed Services Committee meeting. No further action taken.

FIT Grant

Mim asked for accord that FIT grant due end of May, to be written by her be used to provide a breakfast program for BMS for next year. The total grant amount of \$4,992. will be devoted to that effort, with 19 students identified as eligible for the program at a cost of \$1.50/student, with meals prepared and delivered by the Sitka School District food contractor. Staff at BMS will provide supervision of the program. Casey Demmert, Assistant Principal, is the contact. Dorrie to work with him next week on details.

Before adjournment, next meeting date set for Friday, June 11. Mim will do PSAs and Dorrie will send announcements to participating churches.

Adjournment at 1:10 P.M.

