

rebirth of hope
Easter Group

MINUTES

Friday, May 17, 2013, 4:30pm

1. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

Present: Mim McConnell, Dorrie Farrell, Evadne Wright, Judy Ozment, and Jack Ozment, Ellen Daly, Julia Smith, Dave Nuetzel, and Mary Wegner with guest Lynnda Strong

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mary moved and Dorrie seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Passed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - 4-15-13 (Annual Meeting and Goals): We discussed turning our goals document into an implementation plan to examine at our meetings.

Dorrie moved and Evadne seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion Passed.

4. GUESTS & PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Lynnda shared her history about how she came to Sitka and the fact that she has been unable to find employment, which currently leaves her without resources to pay for rent or have basic resources to live. She has completed the paperwork for public assistance, and is frustrated with the process to qualify for disability. We discussed some options with her.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mim reported that she along with Dorrie attended a large part of the Foraker Group's training for High Performing Boards.

6. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dorrie reported that she is still planning to look into the Melville Charitable Trust, as an option for future grant opportunities.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack reported that he got our account changed over to the type that does not have a monthly service fee. A few bills were handed to Jack at the meeting. Our current balance is \$13,223.91. Jack received an \$80 donation to go towards food for children.

Dorrie moved and Judy seconded to put the \$80 donation towards the Blessings in a Backpack program. Motion Passed.

8. PROJECT REPORTS (as needed)

- a. **Project Homeless Connect (PHC):** No news to report
- b. **Homeless Summit:** No news to report
- c. **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG):** Evadne reported that the Salvation Army did not receive the HAP grant, and that client needs are significant and increasing. We have not yet heard about our ESG grant application.

- d. **Blessings in a Backpack:** Kathy O’Gara will join us at our next meeting to give us update on the impact of the program. Mary shared some of the types of information is being collected from the school, such as attendance and comments from students and teachers.

9. NEW PROJECTS and TASKS

- a. **Shared Housing Services (<http://www.sharedhousingservices.org/programs.html>):** We discussed the possibility of doing a program similar to the Shared Housing Services here in Sitka. Home Sharing was discussed as a possibility. Dave will head up an ad hoc committee with Ellen and Mary to see if this could possibly work in Sitka.
- b. **Clearinghouse Chart:** We reviewed our Clearinghouse webpage and discussed how to improve it for a launch at our Homeless Summit. Dorrie will head up taking a look at how to revise this resource.

10. ADDITIONAL EASTER GROUP BUSINESS and COMMENTS/REPORTS: Regarding the School Supply Drive, Evadne shared that Salvation Army has a resource that might be an economical way to provide school supplies in a backpack for students.

11. SET NEXT MEETING DATE(S) AND AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Monday, June 10th from 12:00-1:15 pm at the DO Board Room
- b. Agenda items to include:
- Kathy O’Gara – Blessings in a Backpack
 - Review Goals
 - School Supply Drive
 - Melville Charitable Trust
 - Clearinghouse Spring Cleaning
 - Home Sharing

12. ADJOURNMENT

Judy moved and Dorrie seconded to adjourn. Motion Passed. Meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm.