

Easter Group – *Rebirth of Hope*

EIN: 80-0647738

MINUTES

Friday, June 1, 2012, 12:15pm – 1:15pm

St. Peter's See House

1. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

Present: Mim McConnell, Jack Ozment, Ted Laufenberg, Sharon Stitz, Evadne Wright, and Mary Wegner

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ted moved and Jack seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of the Approval of Minutes. Motion passed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jack clarified a question in the Treasurer Report, and the minutes were modified accordingly.

Jack moved and Ted seconded to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed.

4. GUESTS & PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR – None

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mim reported that she sent an eCard on behalf of the Easter Group to Kayla and the MEHS students involved in the *Living on the Edge* wristband business project. Mim also reported that she sent an email to service providers and previous committee leads inviting them to be part of our Mini-PHC event in the fall. She has already heard back from a few of those contacted.

There was a question about the status of the FIT grant. Mim reported that she is still waiting to hear back regarding the modification of our FIT grant to support homeless individuals who stay at the Sitka Hostel. The \$3,650.00 continues to sit in an account at St. Peter's while we wait for news.

6. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Absent, and missed...

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

Jack reported that we have \$9,464.32 in our checking account, and that there are no outstanding bills or deposits.

8. PROJECT REPORTS

- a. Boot Fundraiser: Mim reported that we are still looking for people to decorate white boots for an Easter Group fundraiser. If you know of anyone who is willing to decorate boots to be auctioned off, contact Ted, Mim, or Dorrie.
- b. Homeless Summit: After much discussion, it was decided to hold a fall Homeless Summit focused on connecting service providers and providing training for people who will be

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helping with the January PHC/Point-in-Time event – What are the services, and how should we direct people? In addition, a topic may be related to food/nutrition.

In combination with the Homeless Summit, we will have a Food/Shelter/Clothing Open House for a few hours in the afternoon, and invite key service providers that can help people in need prepare for the winter. Targeted services might include SAFV, AHFC, YAS, SCPS, Salvation Army, and Public Assistance.

We would have a lunch that feeds both Summit participants and Food/Shelter/Clothing Open House individuals who come for the access to resources. We discussed Thursday, November 8th as a possible date for this event. Mim will check with Centennial Hall.

- c. Application for 501 (c)(3), Form 1023, Status: Dorrie and Mary will meet on June 8th to work on the language in our application.
- d. Vulnerability Index and 100,000 Homes Project: We are still in an information gathering stage with this potential project. Mim reported that she will get more information from the Juneau project, and we discussed the need to secure grant funds to hire a person to lead this project.
- e. Fall Mini-PHC Event: Redefined as a Food/Shelter/Clothing Open House, and combined with the Homeless Summit (above).

9. NEW PROJECTS and TASKS

- a. Sitka Hostel as a Homeless Shelter

10. ADDITIONAL EASTER GROUP BUSINESS and COMMENTS/REPORTS

Evadne reported that the Salvation Army is noticing a significant increase in the need for food assistance coupled with a decrease in food resources; local businesses were previously able to provide a steady flow of un-saleable food, and this situation has changed recently. Consequently, the pantry is dry.

Mim reported that the Point-in-Time date is January 29, 2013; the actual date of our PHC event does not have to be this exact date. Last year we served about 45 people at this event.

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

Friday, July 6th @ 12:15 pm location TBA:

- a. Fall Homeless Summit with Food/Shelter/Clothing Open House
- b. Vulnerability Index and 100,000 Homes Project
- c. Application for 501 (c)(3), Form 1023, Status
- d. Sitka Hostel as a Homeless Shelter

12. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned about 1:40 pm

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