

Easter Group – *Rebirth of Hope*

EIN: 80-0647738

MINUTES

Friday, July 6, 2012, 12:15pm – 1:15pm
Lutheran Church, upstairs room

1. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

Present: Mim McConnell, Jack and Judy Ozment, Dorrie Farrell, and Mary Wegner

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dorrie moved and Jack seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 6/1/12 Minutes

Jack moved and Mary seconded to approve the minutes with a few typos corrected. Motion passed.

4. GUESTS & PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - None

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Mim reported that she has reserved Harrigan Centennial Hall on Monday, November 19th for the Homeless Summit/Fall Mini-PHC event.

6. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Jack had a question about the inventory from January's PHC event, and Dorrie reported on where all of the items went. Jack will update the financial records to reflect the current status of the inventory.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT - Jack reported that the EIN number was given to us on 10/6/10, which is the date the Easter Group became official. Jack asked questions about the 501(c)(3) form, and will work on finishing up the paperwork. We currently have \$9,464.32 in checking account.

8. PROJECT REPORTS

- a. **Boot Fundraiser:** Dorrie reported that all but nine pairs of boots are out with artists. The Farmer's Market has tentatively agreed to host the Boot Auction, and Dorrie will ask Brock Bauder to be our auctioneer. The last Farmer's Market of the season is September 15th, and the *Running of the Boots* is September 29th. Dorrie will submit PSA's to advertise the nine remaining boots, and start to advertise the Boot Auction. Mim will update the website. Judy suggested using the boots as a planter if we have any boots left over.
- b. **Homeless Summit/Fall Mini-PHC Event:** Will be held on November 19th at Harrigan Centennial Hall.
 - i. **Homeless Summit:** The goal is to provide training for service providers. The Summit will be based on our successful 2009 Homeless Summit, and will consist of various panels in the morning on different topics related to the homeless population. Ted will be the point person for the Summit. Mim will reserve the Maksoutof and Rousseau Rooms and two smaller rooms for SAFV.
 - ii. **Lunch:** We decided that we likely won't need to provide a lunch, and people from the morning who stay for the afternoon can bring their own lunch.
 - iii. **Fall Mini-PHC Event (Name To Be Determined):** The goal is to help prepare the homeless population for the winter. Dorrie offered to take the lead in contacting the agencies, and we brainstormed a list of places that might be good for clothing vouchers to give to the individuals who are homeless who come to the event. Publicity lead TBD.

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- c. **Application for 501 (c)(3), Form 1023, Status:** Dorrie and Mary have been working on the application, and Jack will finish the financial information, as mentioned previously. Mim and Dorrie gave Mary some previous Easter Group activities to scan into the document. Dorrie will work with an attorney and accountant, and we may need to spend funds for the review.
 - d. **Vulnerability Index and 100,000 Homes Project:** Mim talked with Scott Ciambor from Juneau, and found out that they got their grant from Alaska Mental Health. Mim looked into Scott's recommendation, and found out it would be better if we were a 501(c)(3) organization, and that applications are accepted quarterly. We decided to table this until we are a non-profit.
 - e. **Sitka Hostel as a Homeless Shelter:** At our last meeting, Ted mentioned that what we have in the bank right now would virtually be enough to pay for the entire Sitka Hostel for a year (minus utilities). Mim reported that we are still waiting to hear on our FIT grant modification, which would also go towards supporting homeless individuals staying at the Sitka Hostel. Judy suggested that before we move further on this topic, we should contact the Sitka Hostel Board to make sure that this use is aligned with the Hostel requirements. Mim will attend a Sitka Hostel Board meeting.
9. **NEW PROJECT and TASK:** ESG - Partnering with another agency that provides staff and program, i.e. Salvation Army or Sitka Counseling, for utilizing the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) could help with funding a homeless shelter. Mim will be watching for the announcement of this federal grant opportunity.

10. ADDITIONAL EASTER GROUP BUSINESS and COMMENTS/REPORTS - None

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

Our next meeting will be **Friday, August 10th @ 12:15 pm** (location TBA):

- a. Boot Fundraiser
- b. Homeless Summit/Fall Mini-PHC Event (Event name TBD – **ideas welcome**)
- c. 501 (c)(3) Application
- d. Sitka Hostel as a Homeless Shelter
- e. Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

12. ADJOURNMENT – We adjourned about 1:50 pm

Post Meeting Notes:

Immediately after the meeting ended with only a few members left in the room, Mim got a call from Kathy Ogara, who has received a *Blessings in a Backpack Program* award. She is looking to raise \$5,000 to fund the program, and will attend our next meeting.

The next meeting was changed from the typical first Friday to the second Friday of August in order to hear from Ted, who just have returned from a FIT grant meeting in Anchorage, and will have some information to share about a possible grant opportunity.