

Easter Group – *Rebirth of Hope*

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Minutes for the Friday, September 12, 2014 Meeting

1. Roll call, call to order

Present: Dorrie Farrell, Ted Laufenberg, Judy and Jack Ozment, Dave Nuetzel, and Mary Wegner

2. Additions to Agenda

Ted moved and Jack seconded to approve the agenda as amended with a special Thank You to Jack and Judy for the delicious and nutritious snacks. Motion passed.

3. Approval of August 22, 2014 minutes

Jack moved and Dave seconded to approve the minutes from our August 22, 2014 meeting. Motion passed.

4. Public, guests introductions - None

5. Reports

A. President:

- a. Dorrie reported that she has some adjustments to the projected costs to the Homeless Summit and the PHC, and shared documents
- b. We heard from the IRS that we are official reinstated as an official 501 (c)(3)! Dorrie called and thanked the IRS for the reinstatement, and they shared with Dorrie that our documentation was clear and clean, and that helped with their review process. Ted offered to pursue *Pick, Click, Give* now that we are re-instated as a non-profit.

B. Vice president – Not at this time

C. Secretary – Now that we are reinstated as a non-profit, Mary will work with the 211 organization to be registered in this directory resource.

D. Treasurer – Dorrie reported that we have \$10,164.75 (with \$3,117.12 still to be cleared) in our checking account. We reviewed the Balance Sheet and the Projected Costs for the 2015 Homeless Connect and PHC shared by Dorrie. Dorrie stressed that the projected costs are only estimates.

E. Fit grant report – Ted shared the Final Report turned into the Archdiocese. We also went over the \$2,100 expenditures associated with the grant where \$200 remain left to be spent by us for similar types of needs. Thanks to Ted for writing our Final Report!

6. Unfinished Business

- a. Review/edit of form authorizing disbursement of funds – Ted used our draft Client Fund Application form for a few situations when he interacted with individuals who were homeless. For food, housing, and transportation, the form seems to work well. Ted suggested a space for a 2nd Easter Group board member to initial on the form.

Mary moved and Ted seconded to accept our Client Request for Funds process as modified with final forms to be retroactively attached to the minutes from this meeting. Motion passed.

- b. Call for volunteers for key projects still needed – Dorrie shared a list of volunteer positions needed for our upcoming events.
- c. Father Dave’s suggestions from our 8/22/14 meeting – We discussed the points from our conversation with Father Dave at our last meeting. One thought was to reach out to the UU’s, who are actively focused on social justice issues. Another thought is to step into this area by starting with the Ministerial Association and then progressively getting more involved with potential partners. We will discuss this again at our next meeting.

7. New Business

- a. Set dates for Homeless Summit (Wednesday, October 29, 2014) & Project Homeless Connect (January 28, 2015). Thank you to Dorrie for arranging the dates with the Harrigan Centennial Hall! We also reviewed chair positions for the Homeless Summit, and discussed whether or not we continue with the Homeless Summit. We decided to have Dorrie and Mary meet before our next meeting, think in terms of re-envisioning the purpose and structure of this event in light of today’s conversation, and then bring forth a suggestion to our next board meeting. Dave suggested having a ½-page flyer to be shared with local congregations that has information about the Homeless Summit on the top and with the bottom focused on how people can help the homeless, with a focus on bringing resources to the Salvation Army. Dave will create a draft of this flyer. Volunteers for PHC - Tabled
- b. Projected costs for Homeless Summit and Project Homeless Connect - Tabled
- c. Draft a long-range, sustainable plan for fund raising, individual(s) responsible and time frame – Dorrie expressed a need for a financial committee - with the main conversation Tabled
- d. December 21st Candlelight Vigil – Tabled

8. Set date and agenda items for next meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, September 26, 2014 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Sitka Lutheran church (upper level).

9. Adjournment

Judy moved and Dave seconded to adjourn. Motion passed.