

EASTER GROUP ANNUAL MEETING

May 9, 2017

1. ROLL CALL, CALL TO ORDER

Present: Julia Smith, Julie and Loyd Platson, Dave Nuetzel, Katherine Snelling, Chandler O'Connell, and Mary Wegner

2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA, APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. PUBLIC, GUEST INTRODUCTIONS: No guests were present

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 24, 2017 Minutes

Loyd moved and Julie seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Passed.

5. REVIEW OF THE BY-LAWS:

Julie spent some time reviewing our By-Laws and drafted a document that can help us re-group/re-envision our purpose.

- A. **Article I Organization** - We discussed changing the name of the organization to better reflect the needs of the community and our current work. We also discussed wanting to keep the name Easter Group for paperwork purposes but adding a doing-business-as functional name. Community Outreach for Assistance and Support through Transition (COAST), Community Outreach Coalition (COC), to name a few options.
- B. **Article II Purpose** - We discussed changing the Purpose to: The purpose of this organization is to be a collaborative community of concerned individuals, organizations, agencies, and faith-based communities in Sitka, Alaska committed to working together to address and support the comprehensive needs of those experiencing poverty and/or homelessness in our community so as to bring about hope.
- C. **Article III Membership** - We discussed changing Membership to: Membership in this organization shall be open to all who support the mission and purposes of the organization as stated in Article II.
- D. **Article IV Meetings** - We discussed changing the Meetings to: Regular meetings of this organization shall be held at places agreed upon the current membership. The presence of at least two officers and at least one member for a minimum of three (3) shall constitute a quorum and shall be necessary to conduct the business of this organization. Meeting notices will be distributed to all members and the general public. The organization will meet at least quarterly with one of the meeting being an Annual Meeting.

- E. Article V Order of Business for All Meetings** - We discussed removing this Article.
- F. Article VI Voting** - We discussed changing Voting to: All votes shall be by voice or hand for in-person meetings, or electronic means when a decision is needed between in-person meetings.
- G. Article VII Annual Meeting** - We discussed changing Annual Meeting to: The Annual Meeting shall be held by May 31st each year. The Secretary shall notify the membership and the community at large about the Annual Meeting no later than 30 days before the date of the meeting. The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to review By-Laws, elect Officers as needed, and review and set the Annual Goals and Operating Plan.
- H. Article VIII Officers:**
- We discussed changing all of the pronouns to they or their.
 - We discussed removing the following:
 - The last sentence of the President statement
 - The sentence for the Secretary regarding to responsibility to file any certificate required by any statute, federal or state
 - The last part of the last sentence for the Secretary and Treasurer related to exercising all duties incident to the office
 - We discussed the compensation of Officers language. Mary will check the 501(c)3 paperwork to be clear on what is allowable.
- 6. Next Meeting:** Continuation of Annual Meeting - Friday, June 16 at 12:00 pm at St. Peter's See House