

Easter Group Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 4, 2015

Present: Dorrie Farrell, St. Peters' Priest Reverend Julie Platson, Loyd Platson, Julia Smith, Dave Nuetzel, Evadne Wright, Ted Laufenberg, and Mary Wegner

1. **Roll Call** and opening prayer from Reverend Julie
2. **Additions to Agenda, and Approval of Agenda:** Dorrie proposed to add to the agenda pending legislation about weatherization.
Ted moved and Dave seconded to approve the Agenda as modified. Motion passed.
3. **Approval of November 24, 2014 Minutes**
Ted moved and Julia seconded to approve the November 24, 2014 Minutes. Motion passed.
4. **Public and Guest Introductions:** We welcomed Julie and Loyd to the group, and learned a bit about their passion/interest in the area of homelessness.
5. **Reports**
 - A. **President:** Dorrie reported that she presented at Sitka Counseling's Resource Training Conference and shared a thank you note for her presentation.
 - B. **Vice President:** Candlelight memorial December 21, 2014 – We reviewed the event we held on the shortest day of the year to honor the homeless who have died and to help raise awareness.
 - C. **Secretary:** None at this time, although Mary did encourage us to eat some of the food brought to the meeting.
 - D. **Treasurer:** Current Balance is \$10,483.86. Outstanding payment to Dorrie of \$315.60 for ticket to Anchorage for [REDACTED] on 2-17-2015. Dorrie handed out a graph of our Net Worth since inception. Dorrie will file our taxes before the deadline of May 15th.
Ted moved and Mary seconded that the Easter Group reimburse Dorrie for the cost of a ticket for [REDACTED] valued at \$315.60, which would be funded with the remainder (~\$250) of the FIT grant with the rest to come from Easter Group funds. Motion Passed.
 - E. **FIT:** Ted shared the Final report on FIT grant expenditures: 65% housing, 28% transportation, and the remaining on food. We discussed the potential of writing another FIT grant to support transportation to counseling or treatment, and the need for young people (under 20) to get off the street. Evadne also stated that the Salvation Army sees a need to support individuals who are homeless get their ID, social security card, etc., which requires cash, check, or a credit card to pay the fee. A suggestion was made that perhaps a pre-paid VISA may be able to be used to help pay the fee, and Julie shared that the discretionary funds from St. Peter's might help cover this fee. There was a suggestion to just re-apply for the same grant concept again; however, this is not an option per the FIT grant specifications. Ted suggested that the Easter Group have a fund of \$2,000 to help with transition of individuals to get home, which we may consider as a goal. We may also write another FIT grant for one of the other needs noted.

6. Unfinished Business

- A. **Brief recap/discussion of PHC model used in 2015 – Pros and Cons:** We reviewed the summary documents from the modified PHC done this year. Evadne mentioned that this year because of the modified format two individuals are now receiving food stamps, and that the two time options helped individuals not have to make choices regarding which services to seek (e.g., medical vs. vouchers). We will continue to discuss how best to move forward with this concept.

7. New Business

- A. **Long-Range Policy for Sustainable Fund Raising & Fund Disbursement Guidelines:** Dave and Ted shared a document for our consideration. We added an item to talk about limits on donations to other non-profit organizations, and the number of board members that would need to vote in favor of the motion. Also basing the annual budget for our activities based on annual goals. Dave and Ted will take the feedback, revise the document, and bring back to us.
 - B. **Strategic Plan and Goals:** We reviewed the Goals and Operational Plan for the coming year.
 - C. **Election of Officers:** Dorrie resigned as President, but did offer to continue to be our bookkeeper at no cost to the organization except for an annual statement of donation of her in-kind services. Jack Ozment, Treasurer, and Judy have also resigned from the board. Per By-Laws Julia, as Vice President, moves into the President role, and we will have a follow-up election for Vice President. The President will appoint a new Treasurer. Mary is willing to stay on as Secretary if the President so desires.
 - D. **Endorsement for the United for Homes Campaign:** Not Discussed
 - E. **Pending Weatherization Legislation:** Dorrie encouraged us to respond by sending letters if we see a plea come through our email.
8. **Set Date and Agenda for Next Meeting: Friday, May 22nd at 1:00 pm at St. Peter's.**
- A. Project Homeless Connect/Project Homeless Resources
9. **Adjournment:** We adjourned about 2:15 pm.