



Rochesterians Engaging in Action for the Chronically Homeless

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Minutes March 5, 2018

Sarah read the short reflection below :

Do not be dismayed by the brokenness of the world. All things break. And all things can be mended. Not with time, as they say, but with intention. So go. Love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally. The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you

L.R. Knost

The minutes from February 19 and Agenda for March 5 were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

David

- Waiting for the county reimbursement
- Approximately \$1,000 in the FLACE account
- Received cash from fundraisers today totaling about \$2,600.
- \$1820 from Evelyn, an eight-year-old
- \$831.83 from another fundraiser, Just Games, Jenn Martinez
- Received a \$2,000 grant from the Realtor's Charitable Foundation last week
- This week we will receive \$15,000 from a Wilson Foundation Grant
- Trash overage charges owed of \$700.00 to Dimitri House, but our trash problems are resolving thanks to the vigilance of the staff.

REACH Home Updates

Staff Report

Shannon

- Working on exit plans for when we close
- Food cupboard working well
- All going well
- Some toilet plugging issues

Social Work Report

Andy and Kevin

- Peter is traveling to Colorado to speak about housing as a human right and using REACH as an example at a Housing First National Conference
- Andy moved to reimburse \$500.00 of Peter's expenses pending REACH receiving funds from the county, motion approved
- Beginning to work on transition plans for residents, thinking of having an open house for landlords, DHS and those willing to rent to our residents
- REACH Home closing date April 15
- People who do not want to go to other shelters will be supplied for the outdoors
- Thank you to the social work team, we wouldn't be where we are without them.

Health Care

- We have a resident in the hospital (Lee Harder)
- Assessing people right away
- Working on a system for over the counter meds

Building Maintenance

Dan

- Toilets fixed and then plug again. People get angry and take it out on the bathrooms. Angel and Dan working hard
- Deb had a contact from Taylor Heating, Dan wants to talk to them
- Sarah will accept 47" TV that is offered, Andy will store.

Storage Space

- Some new donations being received, Lori will speak to the board about storage. Access to building, orderly, small committee; Deb, Marge, John.

REACH Advocacy Future Planning

Peter

Draft By-laws

- Amy Damico, an attorney, on phone 2:35-3:00
- How do we get incorporated? need by laws to incorporate and become a 501c3
- Next step a draft certificate of incorporation, file with \$75.00 fee, can file an amendment, need board members and filer name. They can cede position after filing. 4 types of organizations, we are type A
- 10 percent related people on board only for paid board members
- Fiscal year June 30 end of year and July 1 beginning of fiscal year
- Second year, if have charitable donations over \$50,000 have to have an independent auditor
- Need to determine as a team how to identify who will be on the board
- Heide wonders if we need to specify what skills board members should have

- An A corporation: non business, civic, patriotic, social purpose
- A B corporation: charitable, educational, prevention of cruelty to animals, gives \$ away to other organizations
- Liability of board member limited personal liability
 - Fiduciary responsibility, need to know where money going, your assets not at risk, but reputation
- Need to get training on what it means to be a board member
- There is a nonprofit, SCORE, that provides training for boards
- NYS bar association has a training

- Motion to accept bylaws with amendments approved
 - Fiscal year
 - Wording about cohabitation

- How do we ID board?
- ID positions
- Chair, vice chair, treasurer, secretary
 - Perhaps heads of groups such as; Tiny home, rehab home, permanent shelter, temporary housing shelter, at large
- Within two weeks ID nine people

Next Steps/Announcements

- Peter met with Nick and the Episcopal Bishop, possibility of a church property available, meeting with congregation, don't know management or development



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- Shortage of appropriate housing options where our residents can be successful
- Conversation surrounding where we are headed as an organization
- Helping people to learn how to live in a home
- Healthcare
- Manual: Mike said there was a manual from Prince Street, he will locate
- Need to look at Dorothy Day procedures /manual

Next Meeting: Monday, March 19, 2 pm at Dimitri House

Ashlee, can you take minutes?

- Reflection: Lulu
- Agenda: discussion on what REACH will look like
- who will be on the board
- Ask Andy to give an analysis of what is needed in terms of housing
- Relationship of emergency shelter and supportive housing.