



Rochesterians Engaging in Action for the Chronically Homeless

PO Box 10845, Rochester, NY, 14610

Minutes April 9, 2018

A motion to approve the minutes from April 2 and the agenda for April 9 was approved. Dan will do the April 16 reflection.

Treasurer's Report

\$6,700.00 balance in the FLACE account.

- County income still due for Feb: approximately \$10,000.00, March, April will be less.
- New treasurer
 - Michael Hopkins will join us as treasurer for 6 months to see how it works out for all
 - Sarah read a short bio:

I graduated from Stony Brook University in 2011 with a B.S. in Business Management and a focus in accounting. Since then, I have worked at a financial services firm and also co-ran my father's manufacturing equipment sales & service company for three years which included financial oversight in addition to being involved in virtually every other aspect of the company.

At SunCommon (coming up on three years), I have been the Accounting Manager / Treasurer where I've been responsible for accounts payable, accounts receivable, cash management, managing banking relationships, year-end tax accounting and securing working capital loans. My focus here will be transitioning to doing financial modeling on large-scale commercial projects, budgeting and developing more metrics to analyze the company's performance and potential growth opportunities. In addition to my financial duties, I have also been involved in managing our I.T. infrastructure and software development.

REACH Home Updates

- House busy
- Shannon leaving country April 24, last day at REACH April 20
- People have been moving out, but as soon as they move out new ones move in
 - Reasons: evictions, bouncing around
- Last night for REACH Home is April 15
- Monday the 16th vans from Salvation Army, Open Door Mission and Francis Center will come to pick up residents
- Residents will be told to leave by noon
- Volunteers will be needed to give residents rides before noon
- Open Door Mission is relaxing their restrictions and including women
- Todd says thank you, he is placed and happy
- Police giving compliments to REACH Home Staff/organization

House Closing Updates

- We do not need to repaint or deep clean
- Need to remove all from bedrooms to put in large basement room for storage
- Remove clothes
- Keep some towels, sheets, quilts, pillows, all cloth items will be in space bags and plastic tubs
- Residents can take their linens and pillows with them

- Dan has a link to help pack stuff and remove clothing
- Residents should take clothes they need up to April 15
- Volunteers to help pack and store may begin April 16 and 17
- Shannon will go through resident's unclaimed black bag items and repurpose them
- Food is being given to residents and then what is left can go to Dimitri House
- Clean blue upholstered chairs and save lamps, cots, clean cot mattresses
- Fresh plastic covers for mattresses to be recovered immediately

Celebration Picnic

- Contact/Organizers: Deb/Sarah
- April 18 at 4:00 for all volunteers who have supported us, residents and staff
- Please have all invitees **RSVP by April 13 to reachrochester@gmail.com**
- Discussed the guest list and people volunteered to contact people they know who have helped
- People signed up to bring food (see below)
- Deb invited the next-door garage employees and they said we could use their parking
- We decided to use the green grass strip beside the house and since we will be right there, the parking lot for some of our cars.

Announcements

- Please give any May, June and beyond newsletter ideas to Peter
- How can we advocate for continuing our shelter next year?
 - Talk to your state legislators
 - HSN has an advocacy team, join them
- Poor People's Campaign: April 19, flyer sent out
- St. Joe's tomorrow (Tuesday) at 10:00: Tent City
 - Debbie does not want a trailer, she is adamant
- Wades death,
 - Attorney General is looking into Wade being discharged, saying insurance won't cover, got dropped off at 11pm Friday night with no prescriptions, very unsafe then he died.

REACH Advocacy Future Planning

Shelter for next year discussion

Take a meeting (April 23) and everyone will be given a couple minutes to share how they see the future of REACH

Outside facilitator: Andy has a contact that has a good format

Andy will check availability

Then discuss future as we move towards a formal organization

April 18 before picnic at 2:00 postmortem on shelter

Causewave: according to their website offers a free coffee hour for prospective clients to give information

Staff Bonuses

We are down to 9 staff

Lost one due to a relapse

All staff left deserve a bonus, one week pay, shift people \$1200 a week total including managers, \$1100 so a total for bonuses of approximately \$2,300.

Motion to approve staff bonuses equal to one week pay. Passed

Next Meeting: **April 16**, 2 pm at Dimitri House

- Reflection: Dan
- Agenda: House closing issues, Picnic details



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Other upcoming meetings

April 18, 2:00 REACH Home Debrief, small group including Shannon, house managers, and?

April 18, 3:00picnic set up for those available

April 18, 4:00 Volunteer Celebration Picnic

April 23, 2:00, Dimitri House or REACH Home?

- Agenda: Our dreams for the future of REACH

Item	Name
Hot dog rolls	In freezer need to inventory
Hamburg Rolls	In freezer need to inventory
Ketchup, mustard, relish	Some at house
Ice Tea	
Lemonade	
Pop	
Salad (please name type)	Garden-Deacon Dan
Salad (please name type)	David and Jennie Gloss
Salad (please name type)	Mac salad-Deb
Baked Beans	David and Jennie Gloss
Baked Beans	
Dessert (please name type)	
Dessert (please name type)	Cookies in Freezer

Shannon's friend, David, supplying vegan meatballs