



Rochesterians Engaging in Action for the Chronically Homeless

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Agenda April 23, 2018

The group welcomed, Ed, who is part of the Interfaith Alliance of Rochester Board. Peter, Heide and Becky are also on the TIAR Board. Ed is an old friend of Peter's. They worked on a video on poverty together. One of his previous experiences is working with Rochester Fatherhood a resource organization supporting fathers. TIAR has recently given us a \$300 donation.

Approved Minutes from April 16 and Agenda for April 23.

Heide read a reflection from the Chinook Nation centered on Spring !

House Closing Updates:

Deacon Dan cleaned out the clothing storage and it was taken to Matthew's Closet. Thanks!

April 30 in lieu of a meeting bring vacuums and help bag linens 12:30 on.

Some resident's items need to be looked through.

A few residents moving into apartments May 1.

Thank you to all of REACH!!

REACH Advocacy Moving Forward

Andy led this discussion first by stating:

The past three years, Andy has been in awe of how well things have gone with our shelters. The first-year people thought our shelter was pretty good, by the end of our third year we have sheltered over 400 men and women. Of those people we have placed almost 200 in permanent housing. People say you can't do barrier free shelters, but we did it with no major incidents. We helped our residents by teaching them how to live together so they are ready to move on to a more stable, permanent place to live. The State is not willing to continue subsidizing shelters. They have found that some shelters were appalling, just profiteering. Rochester is being pushed into the Housing First Model.

Discussion was held on the following questions; each person got a chance to share their thoughts. The information gathered will be shared out with the group soon.

1. **What are your passions around homelessness?**
2. **What does the name REACH Advocacy mean to you?**
3. **Where would you like to see REACH Advocacy in a year?**

Announcements

Meeting 4:00 Tuesday, April 24 at St. Stephens on Chili Avenue with Providence Housing. They will be discussing the possibilities of permanent housing in the education wing of their church. They are a long way from any decisions. The interested participants are PCHO, St. Stephens, Providence and REACH if we choose.

Next Meeting: May 14, 2:00, pm at Dimitri House, Reflection: Lulu