



Rochesterians Engaging in Action for the Chronically Homeless

PO Box 10845, Rochester, NY, 14610

Minutes June 18, 2018

The Minutes from June 4 and the Agenda for June 18 were approved.

Reflection

Sarah

- Next meeting Reflection: Oscar

Financial Report

- David was unable to attend the meeting
- Sarah reported from David's email :
 - Total in FLACE \$9140.00
 - Sarah deposited an additional \$8430.00, final payment from the county
 - Owe the House of Mercy for security deposits \$5000?
 - Owe RG&E/Dimitri House an estimated \$600 additional, utilities May1-11.

REACH Board Selection Committee

Dan

- Team members: Marge, Jeanette, Heide, Deb
- Compliments to the team
- We are electing 7 people internally and 4 from the community with talents to help us to get the next step
- Those elected today are Andy Carey, Peter Peters, Jeanette Creighton, Deacon Dan Callan, Heide Perreno, Lulu Christ and Kevin Aiken (Originally Deb Peiffer, but a ballot submitted by email previous to the meeting had not been included in the count.)
- Motion passed to approve the new board members
- Treasurer: Michael Hopkins
- Outside Board members still needed:
 - Lawyer:
 - Developer:
 - Non-Profit leader:

St. Paul Street Tiny Home Project, 1169 St Paul,

Dan/Peter

- An RIT instructor is interested in making our Tiny Home Village a studio project
- He is a specialist in urban planning and affairs
- Peter met with Pastor Santos, pastor of the church that owns the property
 - He was cautious, he has two people who want to meet with us from his congregation to ask questions
 - The building could be turned into a temporary shelter and REACH office
 - Meeting scheduled for Thursday June 21, 5:45, Dan Peter, Marge or Kevin will attend.

PATHS@West Main

John

- Partners Advocating Tiny Home Systems at West Main
- Many years down the road consider building economical tiny homes in Rochester, old properties in Josanna and Susan B Anthony neighborhoods industrial buildings that could be ideal. Services



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available already in the area. A group is meeting weekly on Tuesdays to plan, seeking council persons to determine interest.

- This project could create jobs for our residents
- Some are more comfortable creating a shelter that is located in a place that is not a neighborhood
- 33 Litchfield Road nearby is a supported residence and was a factory
- Glazer family owns Canal Street properties in the area
- We should look for a building for a shelter in this area.
- Thank you John!
- Marge going to a speaker that turned a factory into homeless apartments.

Announcements

All

- Peter needs ideas for a September Newsletter
- Housing Justice Group
 - HoM, St. Joe's, Tenants Union and Peter from Reach also Ryan Acuff, from Take Back the Land Rochester and the land trust
 - Asking governor to do something about rent stabilization
 - Local housing court 40 eviction hearings a day
 - People should not be victims of market forces
 - Concern that the groups be seen as their own entities not just HOM
 - Reach not comfortable joining or identifying with The Housing Justice group until it is clear what their methods and policies will be
- Youth Homelessness resulting from "Raise the Age"
 - Young adults 16-18 will be released from prison in October and some may be homeless
- Lulu is meeting with the director of Jennifer House to discuss how they run their shelter that is a prison outreach through Spiritus Christi
- Andrew's mom has said she wants to be involved with REACH
- Deb read a poem from Andrews service at the service honoring the homeless who have passed away in the last several years.

Next Meeting: July 2, 2 pm at REACH House
Reflection: Oscar
Agenda: