



# Rochesterians Engaging in Action for the Chronically Homeless

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## Minutes October 29, 2018

Welcome, Introductions; REACH welcomed some new participants; Richard, Dave and Alex. A thank you to everyone who has been getting the house ready was extended and in particular to Marcia who has been removing lead paint and readying it for painting.

The October 15 Minutes were approved, thank you, Lulu for recording the minutes.  
The October 29 Agenda was approved with an addition.

### Reflection

Richard Reed spoke about the Temple B'rith Kadash remembrance service held last evening. All races, creeds and religions were evident with 2,500 people estimated. The building was filled with people and an amazing outpouring of fellowship, faith and warm greetings. Richard feels that the senseless atrocities have to stop, forgiveness takes a big person, love will conquer evil. We are meant to help one another and we began yesterday evening.

The group then held a moment of silence for Pittsburg and the Tree of Life Synagogue and Eddie, a former resident's, life.

### Next meeting Reflection: Connie

### REACH Home 2018

- House Rules,
  - Marcia and Dan suggested we use one word to refer to our residents at REACH Home and we decided on Guests. Dan will change it for consistency on the House Rules
- Budget
  - Peter has drafted a budget about \$130,000, another grant coming in for \$5,000 and another for \$1,500 from several Episcopal Churches
- Dimitri House expectations/requests
  - Met with Laurie, they are happy to have us, but concerns;
    - amount of smoking, people dressed in appropriate clothes-not PJs when outside, (Dan making an enclosure/shelter about 7ft. by 4ft, covered area off the side of the building away from the parking lot), parking area is small and we still have just the two spots right up against the house, trash needs to be monitored and recyclables must be separated.
- Staffing
  - Dan has three applications in for manager, goal to decide on a manager and then have the manager sit on the staff interviews. hope to select the manager by the end of the week. Total staff about 17, not all full time, one manager and two assistants. Discussion on salaries, \$300 a week assistant, \$500 manager, \$60 a shift is what we paid last year. We may hire the manager through McCollaborative and pay benefits.
- Updated supply needs



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- John supplies and mattresses being organized, all have been cleaned or kept clean during storage. We are in exceptional shape with bedding, week before opening we will make the beds
- First Universalist donated paper supplies
- Need: pods, cleaning supplies, (washers and dishwashers are in abundance) could use dryers gas or electric, need a good heavy duty shower donated, need coffee and sugar, soup spoons, teaspoons, spatulas, spaghetti tongs, bowls,
- Andy has a flat screen TV, Marcia has a VCR/DVD, and Dave Van Arsdale has a converter box
- Sarah will contact Frontier about internet.
- Building
  - Front porch is almost done, need a storm door 35" opening
- Social Work
  - McCollaborative and Alex's group, Housing Advocacy Services
  - HSN advocacy team has developed a survey on issues for the homeless and the biggest barriers. (someone sanctioned for two months if they miss an appointment, DHS is giving REACH residents more leeway.)

## Tiny Home Village Update

- John reported on the cleaning up of the St. Paul's Street lots
- Communication with Pastor Santos has been inconsistent, Peter is working on it.
- REACH is potentially in the pipeline for a \$50,00 grant to build a model for a Tiny Home through RMAPI.

## Causewave Report

- Peter handed out some reports of our work with Causewave, follow up will happen with the current elected Board; Andy, Peter, Dan, Heide, Deb, Lulu, Kevin, Jeanette. Heide's husband Duane had to go to the hospital.

We need a uniform policy on employees being on the board, contractual.

## Announcements

- Need an electrical or battery hand sander, several people said they will loan (Peter/Deb)
- Marcia; lead paint is removed on second floor, office and bathroom first floor, ready to do remainder of first floor, outside some storm windows, porch, exterior doors
- Need a treasurer, Marcia suggests Christopher Henley an independent accountant, she will contact him.
- Upcoming Events
  - Open House November 17, 1-3pm for media, meal providers, Sarah will contact Bridget

**Next Meeting: November 5, 1:00 – 2:30 pm \*\* Note time change**

Agenda: