



Rochesterians Engaging in Action for the Chronically Homeless

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Minutes November 5, 2018

We approved: October 29, Minutes; November 5, Agenda with some additions to the agenda. Reflection, thank you Eleanor for the wonderful prayer.

Next meeting Reflection: **Oscar**

REACH Home 2018

Certificate of Occupancy: Peter meeting Tuesday at REACH Home at 9:00 with the building inspectors.

Staffing:

Welcome to Evelyn Penn, House Manager, who attended our meeting today. She is familiar with our shelter from last year and has been working at Asbury. Assistant managers have been interviewed, but a decision has not been made. See the newsletter for additional information on Evelyn's background.

Updated supply needs:

Utensils: soup and teaspoons, detergent pods, paper products, tissues, paper towels, travel sized toiletries, toothbrushes, personal soaps, shampoos, cleaning products, (**approach hotels, dentists**), alcohol free mouthwash, cereal, Ramen, underwear! Heavy coats, boots, socks
Ask people to use REACH for their holiday charitable donations,

Now have two dishwashers as spares, 2 washers and a gas dryer as a spare, need an electric dryer.

Cleaning schedule:

M, W, F, Sat. 9-5, help needed those days for baseboards, window sills, doorways all need wiping, plastic on windows for insulation and more painting

Door sweepers to insulate at bottom needed, windows may need foam insulation.

Plumbing, building:

New thermostat in the office will be the only control at this time

Working on the side entrance, need a new shower upstairs, asked Dan to buy one, toilet issues need to replace,

Motion: Authorize Dan to install new toilets where needed, passed.

Room layout: First floor: kitchen will no longer be an entrance, next room for dining, front room code blue overflow.

Beds, upstairs, northside 10 beds, 10 on south side, downstairs, backroom 3 beds possibly, 3 more other bedrooms, total 26



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Richard and Marcia will donate some pavers for the back-side area.

Phone/Internet: Frontier is our provider, Richard and Evelyn will donate phones, REACH Home new number is: 585-420-0010 and will be installed on Friday, November 16 between 1:00-5:00 pm.

CauseWave/Board Meeting Dates

The REACH vision has been refined during our first CauseWave meeting and now the elected Board and others who want to commit are invited to discuss the next steps, long range planning. If someone is passionate and wants to attend while also keeping the group small and workable, speak to Peter.

1. Tuesday, Nov 13, 2:00pm-3:30pm
2. Tuesday, Dec 4, 2:00pm-3:30pm
3. Tuesday, Jan 8, 2:00pm-3:30pm
4. Tuesday, Jan 22, 2:00pm-3:30pm

REACH Name: discussion will happen at the CauseWave meeting. We discussed that “for”, is not what we do, “with” is a better word, objectifying homeless by calling them chronically homeless and it sounds like we are blaming the victim. Anyone with suggested changes should send them to Sarah before November 13.

Announcements

Open House: Sarah will send a flyer to the team for distribution, 1-3 pm Saturday, November 17, ask people to bring donations.

Encampment going well, all weatherized, need plywood to anchor tents, have a community space, a handicapped person needs another safer location.

Next Meeting: November 12, 1:00 – 2:30 pm
Agenda: Lulu will take notes.