



# Rochesterians Engaging in Action with the Chronically Homeless

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## Minutes December 17, 2018

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**Reflection:** David K., thank you for a wonderful reflection on loving and forgiving ourselves before we can fully love and forgive others.

**Next Meeting Reflection:** Susan

### REACH Home 2018

**Financial:** David

- \$6700 in the bank, approximately \$3000 in donations to be deposited
- New Covenant Church dollar offer, Oscar working on
- Marcia has people who will donate raffle items if someone wants to organize a raffle
- The treasurer that Marcia contacted is too busy at this time but may be willing to do an audit if needed.

**Manager's Report:** Evelyn

- **Managing number** of guests: mix of personalities is hard, when we need to remove someone there is nowhere to place them, need a safety plan, Alex gave some suggestions of places to call
- If it we have a disruptive emotional guest, mobile crisis team or mental health arrest
- **Staff:**
  - The planning of a Christmas dinner needed to include the house manager
  - Discussion held on making sure that the manager is included in all planning effecting our guests and the house
  - The dinner worked out pretty well- held at Dimitri House-thank you, Laurie and Mike, but no second helpings due to the number of people, over 50
- **Other:**
  - Need to update quantity of food needed for dinners on the website
  - Evelyn and Lulu need some time off, they have been working 24/7
  - Evelyn wants to visit her Aunt who will turn 101 and she needs a couple of days off
    - We need coverage for this! Volunteers? Peter will, who else?
  - We will call the police if any trespassers
  - Signs needed, Registered guests, no trespassers
  - Staff needs to monitor doors

**Staffing:** Dan

Please get names to Dan

Had interviews last week and only got one who is available only a couple of times a week

- Need more staff interviews to find more dependable people
  - Alex has some referrals for interviews
  - Laurie reported on a website for college students looking for jobs, handshake.com

**Social Work:** Andy, incredible amount of homelessness this week all shelters are overflowing Numbers are coming down with a great deal of effort we were up to 46 now down to 37, 36-40 evictions a day in our area, housing deprived not homeless, sounds like someone has done something bad. We are going to try to be tougher about letting people in, but very hard to turn away anyone. About 800 a night are homeless in Rochester.

Alex: running smoothly, working to get people in other shelters, issue not enough room for case management, Laurie offered some space at Dimitri, difficult trying to catch everyone, some get up early and come back late.

**Updated supply needs: John**

- Need: tea-honey/lemon, cocoa, cereal, breakfast items, bar soap, deodorant, toothpaste, Depends, paper napkins, laundry and dishwashing pods, fabric softener sheets, trash bags, sugar free cough drops honey and lemon, honey, lemon packages
- Need box springs for single mattresses being stored for people moving into apartments
- Staff has been staying on top of laundry and clean bedding
- Men's shoes and boots
- Thank you, John, for your organization and email with needs
  - Deb posted John's list on Facebook and people responding.

**Plumbing, Building: Dan**

- Shower in, plumbing good except for toilet first floor at the back
- Working on fire escape
- Marcia ordered a lock bar for the file cabinet
- Hot in the bedrooms, discussion held on thermostat, check program, lock box for thermostat.

**Medical:**

- Laurie has volunteered the parking lot for the medical van preferably Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday
- Med students coming Monday nights they are really good about reporting on issues to staff
- Planning to bring flu shots tonight, but they need an RN or doctor present.

**Announcements**

- Causewave Meeting Homework for January 8, don't forget Board members
- Christmas Party, Sarah/Deb organizing, December 23 from 2:00-4:00
  - We will give out a gift bag to each guest with a variety of items such as socks, PJ bottoms, deodorant, candy
  - Oscar is going to try to find out where to get more bags
- Memorial Service for Homeless on Friday, December 21 at 11:00 at St. Mary's Chapel
- Jeannie Gloss has had surgery to place a pacemaker. She is recovering. We wish Jeannie and David well as they have had a tough Fall with several personal issues.

One of our guests is moving to an apartment today, Ron Brown. He heartedly thanks all of us at REACH!

**Next Meeting: December 31 at 1:00** for whomever can make it. We do not have to have a full team.  
Agenda: REACH updates