



Rochesterians Engaging in Action with the Chronically Homeless

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Minutes March 4, 2019

Welcome and Introductions: Peter

Approve: February 4, 2019 Minutes and approve: March 4, 2019 Agenda with addition of Tiny Home Project in announcements.

Reflection: Sarah on letting anger, past hurts and frustrations go so we can be opened to others.

- **Next Meeting Reflection: Dan**

REACH Home 2018-19

Financial: David

HoM has loaned us funds for payroll for the last few weeks. \$43,000 cost so far to run the shelter, \$1,500 in bank to cover rent and misc. expense. Connie raised \$752 for REACH the total proceeds from the bake sale were split with HoM. Thank you, Connie! We should be getting money soon from a Wine Appreciation fundraiser done at Doug Stewart's Church, The Lutheran Church of the Redeeming Sword.

Manager's Report: Evelyn is cold in the office. There appears to be cold air blowing in from somewhere. Dan will take care of it, David will help. They decided to seal the window with insulation. There are 38 guests at the moment. The house is peaceful. Guests have been helping each other.

Staffing: Dan

The personnel committee hired two new people and are still looking for more, particularly overnight if you know someone who may be interested in night work.

Social Work: Andy

People getting housed, 5 moved into apartments Friday. Jeanette suggests doing exit interviews, Andy will create an interview system. Mid-month they will try to get some land lords in to meet with clients. DHS County funds for November - Jan have been approved still waiting for checks. A fourth-year medical student will be assigned to REACH Home for the month of March.

Updated supply needs: John/Deb

Crockpots needed, Paper Towels are needed immediately.

Plumbing, Building: Dan

Front door wall repairs needed. **Do not allow any type of wipes in the main house because guests use them and flush them.**

Monday, March 11 workday

Window, outside security light, staff laundry, dryer, wall front hall.
Peter, David, Dan, Jon Saulsgiver, John Curran

Medical: Kiera/Connie

Trillium will come pick up needles possibly if someone contacts them. The medical student assigned to REACH will work on the medical van schedule. **So, pleased to hear Heide is making good progress**

Update REACH Advocacy Inc. Board: Peter

The elected board has been working with Causewave developing procedures and policies to work as a board. The Causewave work is complete. We are now officially REACH Advocacy Inc.

REACH is Indebted to Mary Hadley for her leadership!

Announcements

- Tiny Home Project
- Last October Kelly Finnegan from HoM alerted us about the participatory budgeting campaign that RMAPI (Rochester Monroe Anti-poverty Initiative) was beginning. Kathy Durfee from RMAPI helped Dan and John write up a proposal. The \$50,000 grant we won is written to create a prototype, fully functioning Tiny House, \$35,000 for the house and \$15,000 for site prep. Peter, John, Eleanor, and Sarah met this past Thursday with RMAPI and a deadline of March 25 was named for a preliminary plan for the project and April 25 for a final plan. Plan to build a single home potentially put on 1179 St Paul lot with Youth Build constructing this Tiny Home. There is no time line for using the funds. They are willing to work with us where we are and help us be successful.
- Peter has made multiple efforts to connect with the City of Refuge and Pastor Santos. None have been successful. They are angry according to Pastor Santos' brother. They had dreams of reacquiring the 1179 St. Paul Street property. We have cleaned up their property as well as other lots. This raises the security in the area.
- Marcia will do sign language interpreting for Terry when meetings are held in the house.

Next Meeting: March 18, 2019, 1:00 – 2:30 pm, Dimitri House

Agenda: