



Rochesterians Engaging in Action with the Chronically Homeless

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Minutes March 18, 2019

Approved: March 4, 2019 Minutes and approved: March 18, 2019 Agenda with some slight timing modifications.

Reflection: Dan, thank you for leading us in thankful song.

Next Meeting Reflection: John

REACH Home 2018-19

Financial:

- David, REACH has spent approximately \$57,000 since October. We have \$17,000 in the FLACE account and owe HoM \$6,000. We spend approximately \$3,000 a week. The Abundance Co-op fundraiser where patrons rounded up their bills in February raised \$218.34. We are waiting for the proceeds from the Wine Appreciation evening at Redeeming Word Lutheran Church and possibly a \$10,000 grant from the Wilson Foundation.

Manager's Report: Evelyn

- Steady number of guests, 33. We received a large three compartment crockpot! Evelyn loves it!

Staffing: Dan

- No new staff lately, but still looking and will interview new people even though we are close to closing. If you hear of anyone, let Dan, Jeanette or Deb know. Current staff tend to drift away at this time of the year.

Social Work: Alex

- 3 people housed recently two more soon. Approx. 35-40 guests have been placed in housing this year. An open house is planned March 26 for landlords to come speak to our guests from 1-4 and 6-7. Housing organizations will be invited April 9. We will see our last guests admitted on April 8.

Updated Supply Needs: John/Deb,

- Underwear, laundry pods, paper towels, toilet paper, needed soon. Clothing under control and as we close perhaps the HoM truck could come and pick up the remainder. Guests are welcome to take clothing when they move out. Pots and Pans coming in for Welcome Totes. Social workers should select what our guests need when moving out.
- Deb has 4 very heavy packages of 50 dozen towels, 600 towels in each bundle. We will keep one bundle and give the rest to HoM. When HoM picks up the 4 bundles they could drop off 3 at their warehouse and then bring one to REACH Home. At that time it would be wonderful if they could pick up the labeled boxes in the basement.
- Evelyn requests an electric can opener.

Plumbing, Building: Dan

- John Saulsgiver (and Peter) installed motion detecting lights in the back by the parking lot and Dan fixed the wall in the front entry. Water is collecting by the smoking doorway. A trench can be dug when the ground softens, staff dryer is being looked at because it may have a gas leak. Dan will look at it. We may want to purchase a gas detector.

Medical: Connie

- Med student coming several times a week this month, still working on medical/dental van with Pearlie.

REACH Home Closing: John/Alex

- April 15 soft closing up to April 20. Lori says we can store items, but Dimitri House thinks they will get their grant so we will need to move our things out by October probably.

Update Tiny Home Committee: Susan, Peter, Sarah, Dan, Steve, John

- One meeting so far last week. We are meeting weekly. Jobs were assigned to learn about survey requirements and other issues. REACH has a strategic plan/timeline due to RMAPI by March 25. If you know people with deep pockets you should tell them about our plans and perhaps, they would like to support one home at about \$50,000.

Announcements

- Think about: What is the future of the team as we become a Board driven organization? Once the shelter is closed what is the goal and purpose of this management team, what format, meeting schedule, vision do we foresee? This will be discussed at the next few meetings.
- Call your senator and ask her/him to support the Housing Stabilization Bill. This will help each county receive more state funds to support rent subsidies. If counties raised rent subsidies shelters wouldn't be needed because more apartments would be available and affordable to our guests. Look for information in your last REACH Newsletter.
- John mentioned that Tom Greiner from Nixon Peabody who is semi-retired has some expertise with environmental issues. He has volunteered at REACH.

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

Agenda: Future plans and vision for the management team
Closing details and clean up schedule.