



Rochesterians Engaging in Action with the Chronically Homeless

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REACH Advocacy Agenda April 15, 2019

Welcome to new attendees Sally (not her first meeting), Jessica, Matthew and Shannon.

Approved April 1, 2019 Minutes and approved the April 15, 2019 Agenda.

Reflection: Sarah Peters read a prayer for the homeless. No one was appointed for the next meeting.

REACH Home 2018-19

Financial: David

REACH has spent \$61,000 this year so far for the management of REACH Home.

We have \$19,000 in the bank, but owe the House of Mercy \$6,000, we still have one more payroll, and social workers to pay as well as an RG&E and a Frontier bill. If we have any funds left it will not be a huge amount.

Manager's Report: Evelyn

- 21 guests remained this morning. Evelyn and Virginia will stay in the house for a few nights to maintain security and make sure guests are clear that we are closed for the season. All guests will be placed and transported by the end of the day with the exception of one person awaiting a supported placement for medical issues.
- There will be a staff farewell on Monday at 1:00 where prorated bonuses will be distributed. The Peters will bring beverages and Jeanette will get a cake.

Social Work: Andy

- All guests will be placed, rides are needed today.
- Recognition was given to the social workers for a job well done.
- Resident Survey: Jeanette requests that we have accurate data collected. A form has been created, but there was inconsistent use. We need to track where our guests go and their success rate as one important factor of our overall success. The form will be sent to the social workers.

Update Tiny Home Committee: Susan

- An environmental survey has been completed on the St. Paul Street property and no issues were found.
- Susan, Peter and Dan attended an RMAPI meeting of all the grant winners. They are ready to support us with our project and have a data base to keep track of our data if we submit information to them.
- A group from the Tiny Home Committee visited a company called NextGen. This female owned/managed company makes prefabricated/computer designed walls and roof trusses to specifications. They were welcoming and seemed excited to work with us if we choose.

Future Meetings and Purpose: Peter

- This team has been the REACH team for four years, but now we have a board. How do we go forward? The Board could appoint a Shelter Sub-committee similar to the Tiny Home

Committee. Discussion was held on how to move forward. Deb pointed out that people who do not have a task in an organization need a job to feel they are an important part of the group.

- Do we need to have quarterly or monthly meetings to keep people energized and involved?
- It was decided that the board needs to take back what they heard in the discussion and decide how to best move forward.
- Evelyn would like to see us get more involved in the city neighborhoods and churches.
- Should we have an annual meeting of REACH involving all on our mailing and donation lists.
- Arum Ghandi, a good speaker might be an idea for a fundraiser or an annual meeting speaker.

Announcements

- Fundraiser: Hey Dude After Hours Folk Festival would like to have REACH involved in a fund raiser similar to last year. This music festival is being held this Fall. Discussion was held on the pros and cons and we decided we do not want to be involved unless they give us a percentage of the gate fees of perhaps 10% and an agreement is signed.

Next Meeting: To be determined