

Homeless Ministries Task Force Minutes

Location: Carriage House 1:30pm

August 8, 2018

Attendees: Sam Cox, John Creager, Bill Dornbush, Jennifer Dornbush, Mike Ferrel, Peg Ferrel, Jennie Hartman

- 1) Reading of the Oneness in Christ Statement
- 2) Volunteer Hours – Log for the Month of July was collected
- 3) Approve July Minutes by consensus.
- 4) Safe Parking updates

-Parking lot project progress

Pipes are cut off, next is surface improvement. Light? Does Bob have it?

-Observations

John: one person has not been there for a long time, so John will confirm that she will return or we will find another person

Would others be willing to take on a person to help find permanent housing?

Sam: different idea of program that people can use it for more than just parking, so what is our purpose? Should we have expectation to ask participants to be more responsible for trash or site oversight? What is our capacity? 10 cars or 20 people. Are there others who could use the program? There is a communication issue with Catholic Charities except for coordinated intake. Use Kaitlyn as contact. If we have more participants, we will need another portapottie.

Jennie: camaraderie at Sunday breakfast. Can be 4-9 people. Maximum of 12 one time. Involve participants in setup, cooking, and cleanup.

Peg: also invite to use indoor bathroom on Sunday. Took some leftover food from VBS to Gospel Mission and to Safe Parking. Teresa, Gus, Doug at 8. Some participants look out for each other. Teresa thought there was a rat problem. Should we do something

about this? John has seen rats in the daytime in the ivy. Peg will check with Mary about exterminator John saw there. There was a car Tuesday am, silver Honda Civic with 3 people. Peg discussed the safe parking program with them.

Another person wanted access to shower at Spirit Cafe. Can we approach Y about this? Peg will contact Y. New couple Jeff and Sheryl are talkers, were here 5 years ago. Sebastopol is still working to add their safe parking. Homeless Action are running their own program but are being stopped by city. They have 5 huts not up to code.

Mike: we need a better handle on who is actually participating, but be careful if they have found alternatives even if short term.

Jenn: noticed lots of chatting among participants last week on Friday.

Bill: Placard do others ask for them? Not usually but not a bad idea, more people, food would be good

-How to help participants find permanent housing?

John showed his spreadsheet of program operation. Half of our participants are families. Who can help with finding housing? How do we find them? John passed around ideas of places to contact to find housing.

We need to present Plan B to who?

-Camera Update-Bill showed the camera and provided login information. He stated that you should not connect if you don't need it to conserve our Internet bandwidth.

5) Closed with prayer by John

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Dornbush