

MINUTES

FUMC HOMELESS MINISTRIES TASK FORCE – MARCH 20, 2018

Present: Doug Albertson, Jennifer Dornbush, Bill Dornbush, Peg Ferrel, John Creager, Bob Cheal, Shirley Cheal, Sam Cox, Jennie Hartman, Mike Ferrel and guests Gillian Haley and Terry Row (sp?).

1. Sam opened the meeting with prayer.
2. John introduced Gillian and Terry, who spoke briefly about Plan B, an organization formed to match people who are homeless with persons willing to rent unused space in their homes. The HMTF will consider having Gillian and Terry return at a later date to make a more detailed presentation.
3. The corrected February 28 minutes were approved as sent.
4. The HMTF discussed at length our request to the Church Council, specifically the HMTF's structural and working relationship to the Outreach and Service Commission (OSC).
 - The task force members agree that the HMTF should become a permanent committee. Further, the members agree that the HM committee should coordinate its activities with other homelessness-related activities within our church.
 - After several different opinions were expressed, the consensus of most present seemed to be that the HMTF's mission and activities exist within the realm of FMC's OSC. The HM committee going forth should honor this structure by operating in conjunction with the OSC. This will be made easier by the fact that three individuals now (and should continue to) serve jointly on the HMTF and the OSC. Most present think that the HM committee should report directly to the Church Council and have full voice in Church Council deliberations, with the intention that the HM committee's participation will be compatible with the OSC's work.
 - Sam will draft a revised recommendation to the Church Council for adoption by the HMTF at its April meeting.
5. John told us about a "Day Of Belonging" event on March 24 at 1 p.m. to support the residents of Camp Remembrance (behind Dollar Tree in Roseland).

6. Safe Parking:

- Shirley reported on progress with the CHAP grant. Given the ongoing Safe Parking need, the task force, on a Bob/John motion, unanimously confirmed its intention that the FUMC Safe Parking program will operate for a minimum of two years, and will likely continue past two years via ongoing fund raising and volunteer staffing.
- We will replace the present Stony Point mailbox with a lock-box type mailbox so that Safe Parking participant mail can be received securely.
- Bill will continue work on finding the best motion-sensitive remote zoom camera which records.

The mailbox and camera will be installed with Trustees approval.

- We discussed how to best communicate with participants via phone. Bill will re-send Google Voice procedures. This system can be used by volunteers if they prefer not to use their personal phone number for participant communication.

7. Our April meeting will be held on April 25 at 1:30 p.m.

(Minutes by Sam)