

# Homeless Ministries Task Force meeting notes, July 11, 2018

Present: Bob Cheal, Shirley Cheal, Bill Dornbush, Jennifer Dornbush, Mike Ferrel, Peg Ferrel, Jennie Hartman, John Creager

We opened the meeting by reading our Oneness in Christ Statement.

We approved the minutes from our June meeting, which were taken by Shirley Cheal.

**Outreach to other churches:** John Creager told us that the Community Church of Sebstopol has recruited enough volunteers to re-start safe parking at their church. We have also communicated with Christ Church United Methodist about safe parking. (The HMTF is actively encouraging other churches to consider hosting safe parking sites).

## **Safe Parking updates:**

Norm Bryan and Jaqui Zwick received an orientation and are ready to begin as Safe Parking Site Volunteers. Ken Howe is also ready to volunteer and will receive an orientation soon. Our Safe Parking Operating Manual has been revised to better serve as an outline for volunteer recruitment and orientation.

Lynne Brown, on behalf of the Stony Point Core Team, asked that we consider replacing the recently removed "no parking" sign provided by Extreme Towing with a more a more gently worded sign saying something like "Parking between 8:00 PM and 7:00 AM by written permission only."

Norm Bryan confirmed that there is no gas in the line attached to the pipe that stands near the portable toilet. John Creager will remove that pipe and the disconnected electrical conduit next to it so that the portable toilet can be repositioned.

Bob Cheal will continue to move forward with purchase and installation of posts and chain across west driveway.

John Creager will research cost and requirements for light pole to be installed west of the portable toilet, which would light the toilet area and part of the parking lot. The light will be a solar powered LED unit with an internal battery and motion detector.

Bill Dornbush has installed and tested an Internet-connected security camera to monitor the parking lot at Stony Point. Bill proposed, and we approved, the purchase of a laptop PC and Blue Iris software to make the camera accessible and controllable from any Internet device, including cell phones. The estimated cost for this is \$500, to be paid from the HMTF account and submitted for reimbursement from our CHAP grant funds.

Bill and Jennifer Dornbush proposed trimming the overhanging junipers back to the edge of the parking lot to improve safety and visibility. The Trustees and the Stony Point Core Team will be informed of these plans and asked for comment.

Our next meeting will be August 8 at 1:30 pm in the Carriage House.