

HMTF Meeting – February 13, 2019

Minutes

In Attendance: Bob Cheal, Shirley Cheal, Sam Cox, John Creager, Jennie Hartman.

Bob opened meeting by leading the reading of the Oneness in Christ Statement

January minutes were approved without changes.

Stony Point updates:

- New porta potty lock is working well. An occasional oiling has helped.
- We shared updates on job and job seeking status of several of the participants.
- There was evidence discovered on the rear Giffen House steps of a woman having spent the night. Items found were discarded.

The Santa Rosa City Council met on February 12th. One of the tasks that the city staff were assigned was to determine why the Safe Parking program is underutilized. The task force discussed the road blocks to adapting the program:

- Lack of interest within the congregation or lack of availability of volunteers to staff the program.
- Don't want to have "Those homeless people" on our property.
- The presence of a preschool on or near the church site.
- The lack of sufficient parking space.
- High program costs for insurance and portable toilets.
- CHAP grant program application can be too overwhelming.
- Neighborhood objections including the fears that Safe Parking clients will cause problems or the program will be a magnet for uninvited guests.

Sam agreed to tackle the task of creating a FAQ sheet on the program that can be used when talking with potential sponsor organizations.

Note taker: Bob Cheal