

MINUTES

FUMC HOMELESS MINISTRIES TASK FORCE – April 25, 2018

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

1. Sam opened the meeting with prayer a bit after 1:30 pm.
2. Minutes of March 20 meeting were approved.
3. Sam stepped down as HMTF chair and Bob accepted the position of chair. All expressed thanks to Sam for his leadership and thanks to Bob for his willingness to lead the group going forward.
4. The HMTF discussed at length our proposed request to the Church Council, specifically the HMTF's structural and working relationship to the Outreach and Service Commission (O&S). Progress was made in understanding the various points of view. Discussion was tabled until a later time.
5. We agreed that the HMTF and O&S would jointly plan presentations by the Plan B home sharing organization, tentatively to be held after Sunday services at both Montgomery and Stony Point. Mike will talk with Norm Bryan about scheduling around the Sunday bible study at Montgomery. John will contact Gillian Haley and Terry Rowan of Plan B to begin scheduling with them.
6. We agreed to work with Catholic Charities to schedule a presentation for both FUMC and Christ Church on the Caritas Village project being planned to replace the current Family Service Center and other Catholic Charities buildings downtown. John will contact Margie Pettibone of Catholic Charities to begin planning and work with Pastor Lindsey to coordinate with Christ Church.
7. Safe Parking: We shared observations about how things were working and how some issues might be addressed. Toilet and hand wash facilities could be better. Some form of additional lighting could improve safety for those walking in the parking lot at night. A simpler lock might encourage people to lock the toilet when not in use. Bill will continue working on selection, purchase, and installation of an Internet-connected camera in the parking lot. We agreed to meet next month at Stony Point to continue the discussion while on the site.
8. We discussed a letter from the Preschool Board regarding Spirit Cafe and will ask Doug to speak with the preschool director and consider our response to the letter.
9. Our next meeting will be at Stony Point, Wednesday, May 9, at 1:30 pm.

10. Shirley and Bob explained the need for each of us to keep a record of our volunteer hours each month. The total monthly hours will be reported to the City of Santa Rosa as required under the terms of the CHAP grant that we received.

11. Adjourned at about 3:30 pm.

(Minutes by John)