

Homeless Ministries Task Force Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018 meeting notes

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

We opened the meeting reading the Oneness in Christ statement.

Bob passed around volunteer hours log sheet for October.

We approved last month's minutes.

Bob mentioned that Barbara Bray is interested in being part of HMTF. Who will follow up with her?

Finances - Bob reporting

\$1,792.00 - Fund Balance at the church as of 10/31/2018

\$3,150.84 - Our latest CHAP reimbursement request from the City of Santa Rosa.

That means that our anticipated Fund balance with the church after the reimbursement is received will be \$4,942.84. This is the fund that we use to pay our Safe Parking bills. Receipts paid out from the fund are then submitted to the City of Santa Rosa for reimbursement through the CHAP grant.

\$5,342.34 - Remaining CHAP grant funds available to us from the City of Santa Rosa after the latest reimbursement request.

Government update - Pastor Lindsey

Pastor Lindsey reported on the changes in homeless program coordination and funding decisions in Sonoma County. The Continuum of Care is evolving to become the Homeless System of Care, with a leadership group of 5 taking input and giving direction to the Board of Supervisors, and a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) made of 25 individuals representing service providers, municipal governments, organizations, faith leaders, and homeless members of our community.

Task Groups that will operate alongside the TAC are forming and Pastor Lindsey encouraged HMTF members to consider joining one of them. There will be seven groups, each focusing on a different aspect of the Homeless System of Care.

For details, please visit this webpage:

<http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/CDC/Calendar/Homeless-System-of-Care-Technical-Advisory-Committee-Public-Meeting/>

Safe Parking - John Creager

We agreed to change the daily start time for safe parking from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. when Standard Time is in effect. We will make a determination about Daylight Time before the next time change.

We agreed to add 2 safe parking slots on paper, to allow new participants to enter the program when one or more current participants are no longer using safe parking, but have not yet formally left the program. We do not intend to have more than 10 vehicles using safe parking at any time during such transitions.

John and Bob reported on new safe parking programs opening this month at the Community Church of Sebastopol and Christ Church United Methodist.

John described challenges being experienced by some of our safe parking participants and asked for help in addressing them. This work is not part of our Site Volunteer tasks.

The next HMTF meeting will be Wednesday, December 12, at 1:30 pm in the Carriage House.