

First United Methodist Church, Santa Rosa
Homeless Ministries Task Force - July 8, 2020 meeting minutes

Present (via Zoom): Mike Ferrel, Bob Cheal, Sam Cox, Jennifer Dornbush, Bill Dornbush, Norm Bryan, Pastor Lindsey Bell-Kerr, Jennie Hartman, John Creager

Meeting opened 1:00 p.m. with reading of our Oneness in Christ statement.

Minutes of our last meeting were approved as corrected.

Bob informed us that, after a final reimbursement of \$1338.95 from the City of Santa Rosa's, our CHAP grant funding is used up. We currently have \$6976.24 of funding from other sources on hand. Should CHAP be refunded, we might apply for further funding under that program.

We are paying \$331.21 per month for the portable toilet and hand wash unit. John will contact the service provider to ask the cost of adding a second toilet, which could mitigate the risk of covid-19 transmission between safe parking participants.

We decided not to add any participants to our safe parking group at this time, out of concern for the covid 19 risk to participants and program volunteers.

We are aware of the need for more safe parking and other options for homeless people to stay safe during the pandemic and will be advocating with the city and county to provide these options. Pastor Lindsey will be informing us of advocacy opportunities.

We decided to draft a letter from the HMTF to the discernment group stating the importance of missional emphasis in the future of the congregation. John will draft a letter and circulate the draft to others in the group for input before it is sent.

Action items:

John will contact United Site Services for pricing on second unit.

Pastor Lindsey will communicate advocacy opportunities to the group.

John will draft a letter to the discernment team.

Minutes taken by John Creager