

Homeless Ministries Task Force

Meeting notes September 12, 2018

Present: Bob Cheal, Shirley Cheal, Sam Cox, Jennie Hartman, John Creager

We read the Oneness in Christ Statement together.

Those present submitted our volunteer hours for the Month of August.

We approved the August Minutes.

Ministry Fair:

John will make an HMTF table display for the ministry fairs on the 16th and 23rd.

Be at HMTF table - Aug. 16 Jennie and John

Aug. 23 Bob and Shirley or Bill and Jennifer

Safe Parking:

John will check pricing for 2nd portable toilet with inside wash station for rainy season. We might replace the ADA toilet with one that has indoor hand wash, unless we have a participant who needs ADA access.

During the cold season, we will make sure all our safe parking participants have sleeping bags rated for below freezing temperatures. We will be asking for donations to provide these to participants who do not already have one.

The maximum number of vehicles was set at 10 when we established our safe parking program, and the maximum number of individuals set at 20. We don't anticipate changing that, but will seek to expand safe parking by inviting other Sonoma County congregations to join the effort. (We are currently working with the Community Church of Sebastopol, who are very nearly ready to start.)

There is room for 12 participants to share Sunday breakfast in the Giffen House with 2 or 3 volunteers. Now there are between 4 and 9 participants at breakfast.

We might want to invite people staying in safe parking to join us in making decisions that affect conditions in the parking lot, for example, what additional lighting might be needed and where it should be placed.

Any site volunteers not at this meeting who would like access to the on-line camera, text, and voice mail, please contact Bill or John.

Posts and chain at 3rd driveway will be installed soon.

Other:

Shirley will find out how much we have reimbursed from our CHAP grant and how much is left for current and future expenses.

Jack Tibbetts has asked FUMC to host a community event in support of Santa Rosa's Measure N housing bond. We agreed that this would be in keeping with our mission.

Next HMTF meeting:

Wednesday, October 10, at 1:30 p.m. in the Carriage House