

Homeless Ministries Task Force Minutes

Location/Date/Time: Carriage House, Montgomery Campus/November 13, 2019/1:30 p.m.

Attendees: Pastor Lindsey Bell-Kerr, Bob Cheal, Shirley Cheal, Sam Cox, John Creager, Jenny Hartman, Bill Dornbush, Jennifer Dornbush, Mike Ferrel, Peg Ferrel, Norm Bryan

1. **Opening Reading:** Oneness in Christ Statement
2. **Devotional Time:** by Jennie – Passed around reading of *Wild Geese* and then each person talked about a “sandwich”; something good, something I need to help with, something else good
3. **September minutes:** Approved by voice vote. Who will take minutes this month? Norm
4. **Safe Parking Reports:**
 - a. **Partnerships:** Meeting held with new YMCA Director of Membership Rory O’Day. Included FUMC, Christ Church, Sebastopol UMC, and McBride location. (McBride looking for another location. Dave wants to develop this property some day.)
 - b. **Government Agencies:** Next Tuesday the City Council will be looking at CHAP expansion to allow camping in RV’s. Would be good to have some of us there. (Subsequently told it is off until after the first of the year.)
 - c. **Progress towards housing:** Some Participants have been awarded a place on a Section 8 housing list.
 - d. **Neighbors:** We continue to be in open communication with the apartment manager on the south side of the property. Any issues that have arisen are being dealt with promptly.
 - e.
5. **Participant Issues:**
 - a. Level of angst seems to be on the rise between some participants. Some shifting in where they park seems to be helping.
 - b. Concern expressed about us possibly being enablers, allowing them to stay too long. Do we take away their motivation to move on?
 - c. **Rules Enforcement:**
 - i. Pastor Lindsey suggested what she is doing Tuesday night, set aspirational values; ie; we all want to get along, no noise from boom boxes, etc. Then when you talk with folks we are not accusing them but just focusing on the values.
 - ii. Much discussion about the rules, how we enforce them and what the Volunteer’s responsibilities are. It was decided that, for the near term, our focus should be on safety and the items in the existing contract. If an there’s an offense that, in the mind of the Volunteer is sufficient, the Participant is told they are suspended and not to return until they talk to John. If just warned, then the Volunteer will let other members of the HMTF know about it.
 - iii. The team agreed to review the current Participant contract for any suggested changes and to think about the role of the Volunteers for our December meeting.
 - d. Sam noted that we are really getting into case management and we’re not equipped to do that. He has a dream that we might some day have a ministry of deep case management for a specific group of clients.
6. Bob led a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Norm Bryan