

Homeless Ministries Task Force - Meeting notes January 8, 2020

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

After reading the Oneness in Christ statement and engaging in an exercise of spiritual centering, we discussed possible changes in how we operate safe parking and engage with the people who participate in our program.

Safe Parking Topics:

- Participants personal goals and accountability

- Types of assistance offered by FUMC volunteers

- Role of Catholic Charities in case management

- Coordination between FUMC and Christ Church safe parking programs

Safe Parking decisions:

- A team of FUMC volunteers will meet with each current participant and new participant to talk about their goals and needs. (Peg and Lindsey)

- Update safe parking documents to include expectation of effort and progress toward goals as a condition of remaining in the program after the initial 6 months. (John)

Other topics:

- Demo of prefab shelter by Pallet Shelters at Stony Point (Bob)

- Explore opportunities beyond safe parking (Bob and Shirley to set up meeting with Jack Tibbetts at the Gold Coin motel to learn more about that project)

Notetaker: John Creager