

Allied Partners August 18, 2020 Meeting

Attending: Eileen Dresser (President of Board), Rhea Schultz, Molly Plunkett, Wynn Davies, Sue Timmerman, Gloria Manadier Farr, Joe Maldonado (Fitchburg City Council), Rev. Cindy Bacon-Hammer, Ryan Estrella (briefly), Alice Howard (resident)

Prayer - Eileen

Treasurers Report. Wynn Davies, submitted written report which he also summarized. Fund received \$750 donation from 1st Baptist and \$250 from Magdalen Hegadorn! Enough to support 4 months funding in eviction fund - pulled down by August draws. No scholarship fund activity - balance \$2,551.60. Special Projects Fund has balance of \$1512.46 at the end of July; each congregation will receive an added \$100 each month from the fund to add to their own donations to buy gas cards and food cards for Wellness Center. Some confusion about which church handling certain months. Nehemiah has Oct. Sue T church for this month - Spt. is Queen of Peace. No monthly Neighborhood Association Meals happening for churches to support. Report approved.

A total of \$2700 has been donated to Wellness Center in 2020 by Allied Partners. That money is directly deposited in their account by MUM/Just Dane and not kept on books of Partners.

Wynn resending directions about what/how to make purchases for Allied Wellness/ Essential Pantry. Gloria (Wellness Center staff) is picking up donations today from Cindy Bacon-Hammer church (Heritage) for August. Cindy is retiring this month as minister of Glenwood Moravian and is actively recruiting a replacement to attend Allied Partners. She has someone in mind but there may be a problem with time of AP meeting. Her possible replacement works Tuesday tho - Wynn offers that we can change meeting date. Cindy is thanked for her many contributions to Allied Partners, which include producing the newsletter for many months.

Neighborhood Event: Monique Johnson Crowder a local activist is sponsoring a program for parents called "We Are Parents" on Saturday 8/22 at Belmar Hills Park. Rhea will send flyer for event. Program on mental health issues and losses experienced by children with meal served at end. She also created other Great local activities - "Bloom where you are planted" (first event). She is trying to get African Am. women to be more open to therapy and so she is trying to encourage parents to lean on each other. Mentoring on virtual learning from 1-5 pm on 8/22. There will be 3 speakers, one a teacher, one a mental health professional, and one a parent. Monique also cleans up in neighborhood twice a week and cooked a meal at James Madison park.

Rhea proposes that Allied Partners support her work with donation for food. Monique asks for \$115 and Wynn offers \$200 - Motion approved unanimously. Wynn asks Monique to join Allied Partners meetings as we need input from residents. She agrees.

Joe Maldonado - wants to connect with Monique about her efforts. Joe has been working with Katy Farrens and Urban Triage and other neighbors. Their main thrust is to have some events for kids and families during Covid times. Best way to prevent violence is for people to know each other - week of events planned. Starts in end of Aug./ early Sept. and tentative schedule is as follows:

Off Allied Week

Mon 8/31 art night planned - repainting mural in middle of street and continuing to paint barriers

9/1 performing arts nights - spoken word, dj workshop, hip hop etc.

9/2 sports night

9/3 game night - board games, etc

9/4 - Wrap up party - final event/block party and to encourage LWV and census

How can AP help with Off Allied week of activities? Urban Triage will help with food. NRT helping with equipment. Joe says maybe AP could purchase paint, Wynn offers \$500 and motion (Wynn/Molly) approved.

Fitchburg - voting - polling for Madison side has been moved to Boys and Girls Club and in Fitchburg looking to Redeemer City Church. Joe is looking to purchase an abandoned building/ store (15-20,00 sq. ft) on Anton Drive for an eventual Teen Center. He is trying to dedicate money in city budget for that purpose. There is no community center in this part of Fitchburg. Question - could Allied Drive kids come? Joe hopes that will be the case - Joe shows map.

Wellness Center. Gloria - trying to maintain essential pantry supplies for area with 4 helpers who live in neighborhood. Supplies are being used up quickly - especially toilet paper. No people are allowed in Wellness Office without appointment and office must be completely cleaned after visit by resident. - Gloria present in office on Mondays (varied time), Tuesday and Wednesday (11-3) a part of each day and Friday (varied). Monday and Friday Gloria is in office bagging

9/11-12 more testing for Covid - partnered with Boys N Girls - at Reach Dane

Eileen says she has tried to contact 3 residents who Gloria identified to help distribute essential pantry items who do not return her calls. Gloria says if helper doesn't respond - to call or email her.

Wynn says if Joe can identify hispanic volunteer would that help - yes. Joe says Luna's could be a distribution center -

Dianne Stevens sent a get well card. Wynn explains how she has been a major donator (Orchard Ridge UCC) from sales of her art cards. Eileen doesn't know if/how card sales will be continued.

Newsletter - Wynn would like person in the community to generate newsletter and would apply for grant to fund person - Monique doesn't know of anyone off hand who would take on newsletter.

Sept. 15 next meeting. Discussion of changing meeting day/time

Alice wants to have BBQ for AP in thanks

Adjourned at 11:24