

Allied Partners
Minutes of April 16, 2019 Meeting

Attendance: Eileen Dresser, Alice Howard, Rhea Schultz, Ann Moffat, Molly Plunkett, Mary Collet, Marge Lyford, Ryan Estrella, Gloria Manadier-Farr.

Minutes. Minutes of March 19th meeting were reviewed and approved after correction about \$500 scholarship stipend for “Stella” which had already been paid out in February. No additional funds go to her. Scholarships recipients are not eligible for more than one grant per semester.

Treasurers Report. Wynn Davies, Allied Treasurer, not present but has advised Chair Eileen Dresser that organization funds are adequate. The March Treasurer’s report indicated that the Special Projects fund had \$1042 remaining.

Eviction Prevention/Joining Forces for Families. Ryan Estrella reported that utility shut offs begin April 15 but that MG & E will usually not shut off a household if they are making an effort to pay during winter. Alice Howard added that Section 8 housing recipients are not allowed to get behind on utilities bills or they lose their voucher. No new Section 8 vouchers are currently being issued and market rents for apartments are very high. Dianne Stevens photo card sales benefit eviction fund. Money received from cards is to be sent to Dianne who will then forward to Madison Urban Ministry. Dianne wants to track sales. Eileen has cards if anyone wants to take to their congregation.

Wellness Center: Gloria reported on people contacting the Wellness Center in March. She reported a total of 55 persons, of whom 38 were repeat users. Among the total, 18 persons came with health related issues for consultation. Bus tickets have been pretty available during the winter months thanks to donations and 30 tickets were issued to adults and kids. Gas cards were also distributed. A Health Fair at Reach Dane brought in 39 participants. The Community Health Workers in training were involved with the Health Fair, taking blood pressure measurements and weight checks. There was a presentation about breast cancer prevention. The Community Health Workers in training need more equipment such as

blood pressure cuffs as they begin outreach into community and are actively supporting other residents with health needs. Help with medication payments and supply is available from St. Vincent de Paul pharmacy and United Way. The Welcomers group has lost some vitality as many Welcomers are also Community Health Workers in training. CHWers receive grant funded stipends for trainings they attend and for work with neighborhood residents. Welcomers have in past received stipends for attending meetings and participating in learning activities and had T shirts but there is no funding for that now. A Breakfast Club has been inactive for a while. Essentials Pantry continues to be used for body wash, pads, soap, deodorant, tissue and diapers. Grandparents Raising Kids group run by Camilla Harris had ended one session and will begin another in May. Article about group published in most recent newsletter. Motion approved for \$75 to be dispensed to Wellness Center out of Special Projects Fund. Suggested that it would be good to have an article in newsletter about Tyme Bank and what to donate.

Allied Dunn's Marsh Neighborhood Assoc. Alice Howard reported on the Leadership Building and Civic Engagement Class that starts 4/24 at Reach Dane. The Association received an \$18,000 city grant to stage a series of trainings to help train potential community leaders on topics such as building networks, grassroots organizing, navigating public arenas and leading meetings. Participants who complete the three month program receive \$300. The class had 12 registrants at the time Alice reported. The Association hopes to eventually develop a Resource Center operating out of Reach Dane. Alice announced that there is a petition for an alcohol free park circulating.

Grocery Store. Miriam not present to report.

Scholarships. Due June 4 at JFF

Other Concerns. School out lunches will be offered again. Ryan suggests just in June (last day for MMSD is June 12) as there was not much demand last year in August. Ryan will finalize dates and bring sign up sheet to next meeting.

Next Meeting is May 21, 2019 same time/same station.