

Allied Partners Monthly Meeting February 18, 2020

Present: Mary Collet, Wynn Davies, Gloria Manadier–Farr, Rhea Schultz

January minutes—Wynn noted that following the January meeting, Alder Zachary Henak emailed clarification of his remarks.

Treasurer’s report (Wynn)—

Eviction Prevention Fund was used for three individuals. Balance at the end of January was \$6,318.50.

Allied Scholarship Fund—No action. Balance is \$2,251.60.

Special Projects Fund—\$300 was contributed to the Neighborhood Association for the February Community Meal. Balance is \$862.46.

Wellness Center Fund—A \$600 donation was transferred to the Wellness Center.

Outstanding checks—\$2,300 remain in outstanding checks. Gloria left a voice mail reminder for Barry Hayes, Wellness Center Treasurer. Wynn will send a copy of the checks to Barry.

Thank you to donors—Wynn encouraged Allied Partners to inform their congregations about Allied Partners activities and to thank them for their contributions.

Wellness Center (Gloria)—Fewer people visited the center in January because of the severe weather. There were 57 contacts; 49 new, 6 repeats; 24 families, 9 teens, 7 people from Fitchburg. Three gas cards were distributed. Powdered laundry detergent supply is completely depleted (only pods remain) and softener is needed as well. Diaper supply is down to only sizes 5 and 6.

Gloria’s abiding concern is training for the Allied community health workers, who provide a bridge to the community; Gloria wishes to grow this program from within the neighborhood. Five Allied community health workers attended a community health meeting. A steady revenue source is needed to finance training. Childcare training is also needed; 4c provides free training, but more training is needed for daycare certification.

Wynn noted that the Allied Scholarship Fund need not be limited to post-high school education for youth. It could be used to fund training workshops for community health workers. ****Expanding the scope of the Scholarship Fund needs to be a topic for further discussion.****

The Breakfast Club has not been resurrected yet.

The Welcomers program experiences a lot of turnover as people move away or go back to school. Gloria plans to invite Welcomers to our next meeting.

—Prepared by Mary Collet