

Allied Partners Board January minutes

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 10-11:30 a.m. Boys and Girls Club, (1-20-15)

Attendance: Eileen Dresser, chair; Sue Bridson, Barry Hayes, Dorothy Krause, Pastor Kathleen Owens, Selena Pettigrew, Jack Tiffany

Eileen opened with a thoughtful meditation, followed by approval of Dec 2014 minutes.

Treasurer's Report—Jack distributed the AP treasurer's report with both the Dec 2014 data, as well as a summary chart of 2014 AP income and expenses which follows:

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses</u>
Eviction Prevention	\$14,109.06	\$10,565.17
Food Pantry	\$ 8,235 .34	\$14,788.58
Wellness Center	\$1,224.96	
Special Projects	<u>\$150.00</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>
Total	\$23,569.36	\$25,353.75 (partial)

Wellness Center—Barry reporting: It has its own board and treasurer. AP doesn't know their financial situation, but they are currently hurting and in need of funds. They have a city grant that funds Gloria Farr's position, and limited funds from Meriter Health and Dane Co. Health. Grant funds from Epic ended several years ago. They are working on a new grant.

Miscellaneous: We discussed a need for AP Board staff (who are unable to attend the AP monthly meeting) to please submit to Chair Dresser a report of their month's general activities and needs. This could be done via email a few days before this board meeting. Please e-mail to: [eileendresser@gmail.com](mailto:eileendresser@gmail.com).

The current Allied Coop is working! Contact person: President Cassandra Sanko:  
Phone 665-3459

IFF (Joining Forces For Families)-no report

Food Pantry—Eileen was contacted by WISC—Channel 3, to see if there were changes in numbers requesting food (now that Walgreens has recently completely closed). No data was available at that time.

New future Allied grocery store related issues: Later today (1-20-15) the Madison City Council DID pass Alderman Maurice Cheek's Agenda Item #44 which included \$300,000 to be made available in helping to secure a full-service, affordable grocery store in the Allied area.

The Madison City Council also approved the voucher piece of short-term, stop-gap aid for eligible Allied residents to off-set public transportation and/or cab costs to get to a grocery store until a new store is available at Allied. JFF (Joining Forces For Families) staff may be the coordinating agency to distribute these vouchers. If you would like an email copy of Agenda Item #44, contact Sue Bridson who will forward to you via email. Her address at end of these minutes.

**Allied-Dunn's Marsh Neighborhood (ADMNA)**—Selena reporting. The city of Madison is working on getting a grocery at Allied. The Allied Coop has been very involved in this, too—conducting neighbor surveys and doing other related research. They are talking with the Willy-Street Coop.

Dorothy Krause (Dane Co. Supervisor, Dist. 27, and Fitchburg Alder) distributed the valuable handout from Alderman Cheeks on Madison City Council agenda #44 (see above). It did pass (1-20-15), and should have budget specifics in the near future.

Krause also spoke of the new building for VANN (Verona-Area Needs Network), with program space and food pantry, located on the Badger Prairie Campus.

**On-going:**

We need an updated AP Board member info sheet. Please let Eileen Dresser know if your contact info on the current sheet has changed. Include: name, organization, e-mail and phone(s).

AP needs a Time Line. Eileen, Marge, and Sue will draft one for Feb meeting.

What is an AP Directory? It's in my notes, but I am unsure what it is or who is updating it.

**Future events:**

Next regular meeting of the Allied Partners Board will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of February (2-17-15) , 10-11:30 a.m. at The Boys and Girls Club.

Sunday, 2-22-15 Alderman Cheeks will meet with interested residents at 4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of Westminster Presbyterian Church (corner of Nakoma Road and Yuma Drive), to hear updates in the Allied area (including the grocery store issue) and other District topics.

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Today's date: 1-23-15