

Allied Partners

June 15, 2021

Present: Rhea Schultz (president), Debra Annen, Mary Collet (secretary), James Costello, Wynn Davies (treasurer), Ryan Estrella, Gloria Farr, Janice Ferguson, Teeaisia Hoye, Carmella Harris, Dina Hermann, Alice Howard, Molly Plunkett, Su Timmerman.

Rhea Schultz opened the meeting with a prayer.

Treasurer's report (Wynn)

Eviction Prevention—Donations were received from Bethany Methodist (\$200) and Lynette Miller (\$300). The fund was used to prevent eviction in four situations. As of the end of May, the balance was \$16,541. Since we have increased our maximum individual contribution from \$300 to \$500, additional contributions are needed to continue to respond to needs.

Scholarships— A \$500 grant was approved for Teeaisia, who is a marketing major at UW–Milwaukee. Carmella praised Teeaisia for her work in the community.

Special Projects—\$210 was contributed to the Neighborhood Association for renting a dunk tank for an event on June 5. The fund has a balance of \$390.

Wellness Center—A \$100 donation was transferred to the Wellness Center.

Joining Forces for Families (Ryan)—Increase in Allied Partners funding has been good. Number of calls for eviction assistance has increased. Now that the moratorium on eviction has ended, Ryan says that he needs to be stricter to ensure that the money is used for folks who need it the most. Dina said that some of her tenants are on monthly payment plans. As of the end of May, MGE hasn't disconnected any customers.

Wellness Center (Gloria)—Gloria expressed thanks to Allied Partners for their support. The Wellness Center served 102 families/individuals in May. Gloria documents all who receive supplies. Dishwashing soap is needed. The Wellness Center has partnered with the Madison Metropolitan School District and Second Harvest to provide lunches for kids.

Grants to Wellness Center and Community Agency Bridging the Gap (CABG)—City of Madison "Violence Prevention Grants" were awarded to the Wellness Center for basic needs (\$25,000) and to CABG for its crisis intervention services and also for collaborating with Dane County Public Health Services (\$10,000). CABG also received a \$2,500 grant from the Forward Community Investments, "2021 Non-Profit Capacity Bridging Grant Fund".

Allied Neighborhood Association (Alice)—The June 5th event was safe and successful. Wynn encouraged attendance at events. Alice said that visitors can see for themselves how the neighborhood has changed—"a lot of good has come out of Allied Drive."

Allied Fresh (Janice)—The program for bringing fresh food to the Allied neighborhood is growing in numbers served and efficiency. Last Friday, 115 people were served. Household essentials are being provided in addition to food.

CABG (Carmella)—Carmella’s van was stolen, and she hasn’t been able to recover it. She has been using her son’s car. Rhea and Wynn suggested that Allied Partners tell members of their congregations about CABG’s need for a van (or a car with good cargo space). Perhaps a member of one of the Allied Partners’ congregations will decide to donate to CABG a vehicle they no longer need. Molly suggested GoFundMe as one avenue for generating money for a van.

Brotherhood event—Molly gave a “plug” for the Brotherhood’s basketball tournament, which is slated for the end of July. A motion to move money from the Special Projects fund for this event was approved.