

Allied Partner Minutes for 03/19/19 meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by the president, Eileen Dresser with the reading of an opening word.

Attendance: Eileen Dresser, Mary Collet, Kathleen Cairns, Zackary Henak (District 10 aldermatic candidate), Rhea Schultz, Molly Plunkett, Ryan Estrella, Cindy Bacon-Hammer, Alice Howard, Kris Gorton

The February minutes had been sent by email to all members. They were approved as written by Rhea Schultz.

The Treasurers report was also submitted to all members by email by Treasurer Wynn Davis. The report was approved as written.

The report from the Wellness Center was not given because of the absence of Gloria. Ryan reported that the nurse position is now vacant and hopefully another nurse can be found. In the past, the Wellness Center had a number of nurse volunteers who rotated. The departing nurse, Maggie, will be missed. She was bilingual and was comfortable in the neighborhood. Ryan also shared that the Wellness Center is low on hygiene products. Donations are welcome.

Ryan reported that in the month of March Eviction Prevention requests have been slow. However, the month of April is when the disconnects start so Ryan stated it will be busy again. Renters are encouraged to pay something monthly on their bills to help prevent this. The Habitat for Humanities home has been occupied and the home damaged by the car running into it has now been moved into also.

Allied/Dunn Marsh Neighborhood meal was served in February. The cost of a community meal managed by Alice is \$300. That amount includes the food and preparation plus payment to two men for setup/takedown. It was suggested that Alice try to get a sponsor for these meals, in addition to the churches, by soliciting businesses in the area who benefit from residents. This could be a financial donation only. The meals are held at 2096 Red Arrow in the Reach Dane Day Care Center and about 40 people attend. Ryan and Alice will research a grant to fund community meals for a year. Molly suggested contacting Epic in Verona about food for the community meals. Alice reported that she is looking for people from the neighborhood who might want to be involved in creating a community. They will receive training, such as conflict resolution, and receive stipends for the work they do. The suggestion was made again that someone be assigned by the Neighborhood Chairman to care for the enclosed bulletin board on Allied Drive so it is up to date and residents can depend on it for things going on in the neighborhood and encourage attendance. This helps make Allied Drive feel like a community. The key could be kept at the wellness center and available to whomever is assigned for a month. Alice will pursue this. Alice is looking for a new community chairman.

Mariam was not present for a report on the grocery store, which is now open. The Allied Drive neighborhood chairman has not been in the grocery store. After the meeting Eileen went to tour it. There were 3 shoppers in the store. I felt there were many items available, although in small volume. This is probably to prevent waste. The alcohol, we had been concerned about, is in the store but not very visible. A shopper would have to look for it or ask for it I felt. I recommend the neighborhood should try to shop there to help it be successful. Maybe Mariam would be open to suggestions as to what the neighbors would like to see in the store also.

The motion was made and seconded that we send a check in the amount of \$500. to the pre-med student who has a full scholarship but needs hardship money to be able to attend school. Ryan will see that she gets the money.

Beautiful cards were brought to the meeting that Diane Stevens has made to be sold to benefit Eviction Prevention. Kathleen Cairns purchased 6 cards and the check was sent to MUM. They are \$4.00 per card or 6 cards for \$20.00. Please help us sell them.

Submitted acting secretary,

Eileen Dresser