

## Allied Partners

May 18, 2021

**Present:** Rhea Schultz (president), Debra Annen, Mary Collet (secretary), Eileen Dresser, Wynn Davies (treasurer), Ryan Estrella, Gloria Manadier–Farr, Janice Ferguson, Dr. Al Felice, Flora Flygt, Carmella Harris, Dina Hermann, Susan Hoffenberg, Alice Howard, Jacqueline, Carol Rushmore,

Rhea Schultz opened the meeting with the prayer *A Franciscan Blessing*. She invited all to join in.

**Joining Forces for Families** (Ryan)—•Calls have decreased. Ryan is concerned that people are not stepping up for assistance. •The Bike Rodeo was a huge success. •Although the moratorium has ended, MGE is not disconnecting service, preferring to work with people to find a solution. •Ryan will post a list of resources on the neighborhood kiosk and on Sue’s website. He will also provide information for the Allied Neighborhood Association website and Facebook page. • The office is expected to reopen in mid-summer.

**Allied Scholarships** • Allied scholarships: nothing to report.

**Allied Food Pantry** (Carol)—The pantry received a huge donation of about 500 lb of food and miscellaneous items. Supplies were shared with the Wellness Center.

**Treasurer’s report** (Wynn)

**Eviction Prevention**—We received a \$200 individual contribution in April. The fund was used to prevent eviction in four situations. The balance is currently \$17,141.

Ryan said that the \$300 per household allotment from the Eviction Prevention fund is not adequate since rents have risen. Wynn proposed raising that amount to up to \$500 per household. The proposal was accepted.

**Scholarships**—No activity. The balance in the fund is \$2,602. Jacqueline has applied for a scholarship for the business management program at Madison College and is completing her application. Wynn wondered if a new outreach approach is needed; “the need is out there.” He reiterated that scholarships can be used for adult training as well as youth education.

**Special Projects**—We received a \$50 individual donation in April. The balance is about \$600.

**Wellness Center**—A \$100 individual donation was immediately transferred to the Wellness Center. To date in 2021, a total of \$400 has been received and transferred to the Wellness Center.

**Wellness Center** (Gloria)—Supplies are being provided despite the limitations set by COVID. One-hundred individuals were served through four locations plus the office. New visitors fill out a form stating their needs. Supplies are given on a first come, first served basis. Food is provided on Mondays and Fridays.

**Essential Supplies Schedule** (Wynn)—Wynn distributed the schedule for congregational support. He suggested that congregations check with Gloria regarding needs. Bethany has May, Queen of Peace has June, Madison Friends has July, and Glenwood Moravian has August. Nehemiah/Fountain of Life will take September – leaving October still open. Wynn suggested that congregations try to bring their contributions to the Wellness Center in the first week of the month if possible.

**Allied Fresh** (Janice)—In the first distribution of fresh food boxes, 140 boxes were distributed to 70 families. One of Janice’s goals is to build trust in the community.

**Community Agency Bridging the Gap** (Carmella and Dr. Felice)—Dr. Felice, Clinical Director of CABG, said that his goal is to strengthen the resilience of the people they serve. He also spoke to the necessity

of teaching employees how to be employees. CABG served 160 individuals in April; there were 65 interventions. People in crises related to rent and food are referred to other agencies. The greatest needs at present are for office space and a van. Temporary space will be available in the Joining Forces for Families building when it opens mid-summer, but that space is not optimal for confidentiality and training. Wynn suggested notifying congregations of the need for a van. He also mentioned the possibility of contributing a donation from the Special Projects fund.

**Allied Neighborhood Association** (Alice)—Alice has resumed presidency of the association. She continues to explore buying land for a neighborhood center. She needs \$300 for a dunk tank for the kids and will send a written request to Wynn for approval by the Partners.