

Allied Partners Minutes of July 21, 2010 Meeting

Attendance: Eileen Dresser (President), Rev. Cindy Bacon-Hammer, Rev. Scott Anderson, Ryan Estrella (JFF), Deb Annen, Sue Timmerman, Rhea Schultz, Wynn Davies (Treasurer), Gloria Farr (Wellness Center), Janice Ferguson, Molly Plunkett.

Call to Order: Eileen Dresser. Identification of appearance by Janice Ferguson and brief identification of others present for meeting.

Question raised about obtaining face masks. Ryan would like to have some for newly reopening Joining Forces for Families Office and Essentials Pantry. Discussion that the Boys and Girls Club may have some to donate.

June Minutes: Approved

Treasurers Report: Wynn highlighted certain activity: Midvale Church contributed \$262 in June. \$4055. remains in the eviction prevention fund. No use of scholarship funds. No expenditures from the Special Projects fund in past month. The Wellness Center received a donation of \$100 in previous month for a total of \$3700 in 2020 to date

Eileen commented that donations are likely decreased due to covid and less in person contacts among members of congregations.

Treasurers report approved as given orally.

JFF Report: Ryan says there is great need for financial help and he can't help repeat requestors from county funds. People who were helped at beginning of covid are needing help again. It will be months before people become stable. The Tenant Resource Center and Community Action Coalition have money but applications are online and landlord has to complete part of form. People have asked Ryan to help with form. Question asked of him whether churches could help? Yes. But no walk in yet clients allowed at office - will start to open to people who make apptmts. Only 1 client in building per office; for Wellness Center, for Carmella Harris work, plus Ryan etc. Start next week and customers need to wear masks and sanitize after visit. No large numbers of people to be in building.

Discussion of applications for TRC funds which people say they can't do themselves. Can Boys and Girls Club help with applications? Not known. There is a phone app to be downloaded. Ryan and Rhea will ask at NRT meeting in two days how to help. Nico from TRC usually attends meeting. Ryan thinking of printing out forms and leaving in free library. Jan from FSET opened application and didn't think it seemed that difficult but needs someone to help. Gloria suggests that maybe others could scan once document once completed. Gloria asks if there could be phone support to applicants - phone team. Ryan willing to set up list of people willing to help and consider ways that assistance can be provided.

Wynn asks Ryan to check with TRC how to best be of help. Ryan will check with his supervisor if ok and it is clear to customers that they agree to release information. Ryan will try let us know

Allied Wellness Center Report. Gloria - says she stay in touch at office though it has not been open for customers. Says families are struggling and they are providing resources from

essential pantry - soap, paper toweling, tissue. The products are stored in homes of neighborhood residents- who help Gloria. Carmella Harris has been delivering meals. Gas cards going out fast - 23 given this month. Got gloves, masks, hand sanitizers; gave out CDC information about Covid. Covid testing done last week at Boys and Girls Club. Families are struggling with children at home and no out lets for kids. No need for bus cards because bus is free but gas cards are still needed. Gloria can't physically be in building until county approves. People have to call her for apptmt. List posted on outside of door of residents who can give out essential pantry supplies and their phone numbers. Persons to contact are Donna, Anna and Carmella . Wynnn offers special project money to buy more supplies. Cindy Bacon Hammer says it is the turn of her church turn to give gas cards. Gloria also trying to compensate first responders for their work - by food or gas cards. Need also for detergent, tissue and paper towels for Essentials Pantry and gas cards. Store cards so people can buy their own supplies too. Stores to purchase cards for food or other products: Woodman's or Walmart or or Dollar Store. Contact person numbers for donations of goods for essential pantry: Gloria: 608-421-221 or Donna 608-285-5965 or Carmella Harris 608-213-4948.

Wynn moves to supplement monthly donations from churches from special projects fund - \$100 for each of next 3 months for gas and supplies. Each church would be given an added \$100 from Allied Partners to supplement their contribution to Allied Wellness for what has been denoted for bus/gas. What denomination of cards? \$10 cards. Approved

Janice F. talked about new website for Wellness Center that was developed as a result of a \$10,000 grant from Epic. Information on site and Facebook page is translated to spanish. Link to Facebook page will be made. Volunteer will be making weekly Facebook posts .

Fitchburg Alderman report. Joe Maldonado joined late to report on gun fire in neighborhood. He is talking to Katy about having some events for kids and will need some funding; Wynn offers that Allied Partners has some money. Question about food card from Luna's possible? He thinks possible to have a voucher for Luna's that could be distributed. He is looking to generate leadership in neighborhood around gun violence. There is plan to place barricades at end of certain street to reduce through traffic and get residents to paint them.

Newsletter. Rev. Cindy Bacon Hammer is retiring and will no longer produce newsletter. Molly said she is willing to take on in the fall. Wynn expressed interest in getting residents to produce newsletter and find a funding source to pay some one to produce it. Wynn said he would convene a group to look further into finding funding and neighborhood person to do.