

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 19, 2018 ALLIED PARTNER MEETING

PRESENT Eileen Dresser, Deb Annen, Marjory Lyford, Kathleen Cairns, Cindy Bacon Hammer, Ryan Estrella, Ann Moffat, Wynn Davies, Alice Howard, and Scott Anderson.

Eileen opened the meeting with a Christmas reading.

MINUTES of the November 20, 2018 meeting were accepted as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT by Wynn Davies

The following error was corrected on the the Wellness Center financial report. The amount received from Memorial UCC and Rhea Schultz should total \$550 instead of \$600.

Wynn mentioned that he has been unable to receive timely financial reports from the Wellness Center treasurer regarding financial support of the Center by Allied Partners members. **A motion was made encouraging Wynn to meet with the Wellness Center treasurer to identify and rectify bookkeeping and communication problems. The motion was approved.**

ALLIED NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER/ALLIED CO-OP by Alice Howard

Alice reported that the Co-op has received a grant to train it's leaders on how to establish a resource center which would provide space for various neighborhood services, agencies and groups. The Common Wealth Development Co. has offered a plot of land for the building for a price of \$1. If accepted, the Company would construct the building. The new grocery store is now scheduled to open in January. Alice suggested that perhaps the reason for poor attendance at some of the community meals is because a few people hired to post posters about the meal haven't done their jobs.

JFF/EVICTION PREVENTION by Ryan Estrella

Ryan reported that \$1000 of eviction prevention funds were distributed during the past month. They are still struggling to keep up with the requests for help - 300 gifts were distributed to children at the neighborhood Christmas party - One application for scholarship funds has been received for the next semester and an application for a second semester.

CONNECTING WITH THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY

Ryan, and others, expressed concern that the Hispanic population is not receiving services even though at present 2/3 of the Allied area residents are of Hispanic descent. The Boys and Girls Club and the Neighborhood Assn. serve mainly the black population. The Hispanic residents often seem intimidated and their participation in community meals and the food pantry has declined, perhaps because of immigration issues and a language problem.

It was suggested by Cindy that the Allied Partners make a focus of connecting with the Hispanic community during the next year. Church delegates are encouraged to identify Spanish speaking members in their congregation and we should recruit someone from the Hispanic community to attend our meetings.

NEXT MEETING. January 15, 2019 at the Boys/Girls Club meeting room at 10:00 am.
Marjory Lyford, Recording Secretary

