

## MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 20, 2018 MEETING OF ALLIED PARTNERS

PRESENT: Eileen Dresser, Sue Bridson, Ryan Estrella, Kelsey Mullins, Kathleen Cairns, Maggie Felker, Wynn Davies, Alice Howard, Marge Lyford and guests Mariam Maldonado, and DeSean Henderson.

Eileen opened the meeting with a prayer.

Marge shared a tribute to Jackson Tiffany who died recently. He was an early member of Allied Partners and prior to retiring a few years ago it's treasurer for more than 20 years. He faithfully attended meetings and gave monthly reports. He also provided direction for our organization and calmly addressed dissensions.

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 18 MEETING - The number of residents attending the *August* community meal should be changed to read the *July* community meal. The treasurer's report was amended as follows.. The amount expended from the Eviction Prevention fund in September should be \$800, not \$7,396. The larger amount is the year-to-date amount of eviction prevention funds expended. Minutes were accepted as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Wynn inadvertently left his written reports at home, but commented on the current funds. - \$2,400 from Eviction Prevention funds were expended to help people stay in their apartments in 10 situations - Wynn announced that now when MUM receives checks designated for the Wellness Center, they will immediately make the funds available to the Wellness Center - The balance in the Special Projects fund is currently \$182 and needs replenishing.

**Because financial support for Allied Partner projects has dropped since 2016, Wynn moved that we make it our goal to increase by 15% donations from supporting congregations. The motion was approved by consensus.** Wynn volunteered to work on a letter to congregations. Maggie volunteered to work on translating our brochure into Spanish.

EVICTON PREVENTION/JFF Ryan introduced student Kelsey Mullins, who is working with him this semester. They are still unable to respond to all the phone calls asking for help - Marge commented that Dianne Stevens has been making and selling photo greeting cards to benefit the eviction prevention fund since 2003 (15 years) and the total intake for the sale of cards now totals over \$24,000! During all those years, Dianne has not charged for the materials she used.

NEIGHBORHOOD GROCERY STORE. Mariam Maldonado, who lives in the Allied area, is the owner of the Luna's Groceries. She announced the store is expected to be open by December 10th... and described the numerous unexpected problems that have needed to be fixed in order to meet city regulations.

WELLNESS CENTER. Maggie, a volunteer at the center, reported that they have established a good connection with UW Health and Meriter. A \$2000 grant will provide supplies for the nine community health workers who are beginning to work with clients. Also each health worker will have a mentor.

REPORT ON THE MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD CONFERENCE Ryan commented that the conference was well attended. Maggie reported that she learned that housing for middle income people is lacking and the lack of adequate public transportation is a major problem for people of low income. Wynn suggested that because neighborhoods vary so much, it might be good to have a conference of low-income neighborhoods.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION Alice reported that the annual banquet was very successful and well attended. One of the awards given out was for Cindy Bacon Hammer for her work with the neighborhood newsletter. There will be no community meal in December.

Guest DeSean Henderson shared with us how the Habitat home that she and her sons were moving into soon was severely damaged when three teenagers stole a van and ran it into the building. She is feeling shaken but glad that no lives were lost. She also expressed gratitude for the support she is receiving.

NEXT MEETING December 17, 2018 at 10:00 at Boys & Girls Club Meeting Room

Marjory Lyford, Secretary