

**November 22, 2011**

Allied Partners Minutes

**PRESENT:** Sue Bridson, Ryan Estrella, Dorothy Krause, Selena Pettigrew, Shirley Robbins, Marge Lyford, Sina Davis, Jack Tiffany, Susan Carrodo, Peter Morris, Mike Bodden, Eileen Dresser, Gloria Farr and Barry Hayes.

Last month October minutes were approved.

Co-Op has moved to the old Kraft building. They are renting from MAP an organization that's well known in the community. There are many budget cuts planned and we should be gearing up for an increase in need in neighborhoods like Allied Drive.

Treasure Report from Jack Tiffany was given. Jack reported MUM received a check for the Wellness Center for \$1200.00. In October a donation was received from Westminister Presbyterian which will show up in the next report. The Greeting cards sales are still going towards the Eviction prevention fund. People use the cards for many different reasons.

Gloria expressed that \$83.33 was received in the Allied Wellness account and should have been for Eviction prevention, Jack will make sure that these funds are in the correct account.

Food pantry funds are steady flowing in. Jack has to track down a \$207 check from Westminister, we need to get back to MUM to verify where the \$207 came from.

Eileen informed us of her promise to purchase 180 turkeys, it was explained that turkeys had to be signed up for in advance by residents. We had turkeys left over and donated 8 to the Boys & Girls Club for their Thanksgiving Day Meal, and we still ended up with turkeys left over. Since approximately 12 people didn't pick theirs up. Gloria suggested that in the future if we could have a plan B maybe for a different time and date for pick up of baskets. However, out of 180 there was only 12 left over that wasn't bad at all. Someone donated 43 additional turkeys to the pantry. Ryan expressed his concern that he still have families that are looking for turkeys. It was suggested that he coordinate with the Neighborhood Association to get rid of the turkeys that were donated and left over.

Ryan reported that Eviction Prevention fund had \$1100 in the account, it was used for getting people electricity turned on, or to help it remain on. MG&E sends Ryan a

list of those accounts that are turned off and work with him in getting others that are about to be turned off.

Gloria reported that the Welcomers concentrated on rest and relaxation this month. Practicing outreach, and working along-side other organizations. The Welcomers will be sponsoring a food drive of non perishable items that people can donate and hopefully residents will donate goods and other items they don't use, to give back to their community, and perhaps help someone's Christmas dinner.

Selena reported that Allied Wellness Center Board is having their yearly open meeting all are invited, to stop by and see what they have been doing during all year. Boys and Girls Club in partnership with the Neighborhood Association and other CEO's of large companies will be sponsoring a Thanksgiving meal for the Community. They are asking for volunteers and plan on feeding over 200 people. Everyone is welcomed to come dine with us or volunteer time.

Susan reported that Co-Op is going door to door regarding what will be happening at the Co-Op and to try and get people involved in the Co-Op. They want residents to name the Co-Op, after getting the residents to submit names the steering committee will choose the best five names and those will be voted on at the community meal on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December in which the Co-Op will be sponsoring. We have about 7 people that are interested in developing Food Carts with prepared food. We are looking into educational venues, for these people so that when spring comes around they will be ready with a business plan for their cart. We are also sponsoring a meeting where parents get together to talk about issues their children have at school, at our office on Verona.

We need to make sure the Gun issue is posted. Selena will look into that for the Boys & Girls Club. They have ordered the signs. As soon as they come they will be posted.

We need to come up with ways to outreach to the congregations. We need to decide what is the best way is to reach everyone, be it on our website or through other ways. We sent out brochures and haven't had much response.

Susan prepared a half sheet explaining what our mission is and how the need is so much greater now since programs are being cut and eliminated. Dorothy suggested maybe we could develop an insert about all aspects of the Allied Partners organizations. Susan will be the conduit for questions if there are any. Jack suggested that we need to develop the person who is part of Allied Partners who can take this to the congregations.

We could publicize things on our website which needs to be freshened up. Maybe we can get Bob Park to update the site for us. Dorothy will speak with him regarding this.

For our next meeting we will put visiting churches, telling them our stories on the agenda.

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by: Selena Pettigrew