

## Allied Partners Minutes

12/27/11

The following were present: Selena Pettigrew, Gloria Mandarian-Farr, Alice Howard, Dorothy Krause, Shirley Robbins, Sue Bridson, Jack Tiffany and Eileen Dresser.

Eileen Dresser convened the meeting. Meeting was called to order. Corrections were made to November minutes (kraft was misspelled should be Craft) correction was made and minutes were approved unanimously.

Jack explained the finances. There was a check that was questioned last month, actually two checks one for \$12 and one for \$20 it seems that the bank only honored one the \$12 check.

Alice asked if the percentages of certain monies were still going to certain organizations. If so, why is there no activity or funds under the Neighborhood Association? Jack explained the process, it was agreed that we need to solicit funds from the congregations for the Neighborhood Association. We need to let them know what they do and how important their existence is to the community. If we don't tell them what is needed they will not know.

Ms. Howard suggested that people should not be talked down to. We have had several complaints about people working in the pantry talking to residents any kind of way, making them feel like they are a charity cases. We have to respect each other regardless of who we are. We need to stop judging residents because of what they do or how they live.

Jack wants to construct and use a simpler form in 2012 for reporting the finances. That way anyone would be able to take over if needed be.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Eviction Prevention** – Ryan wasn't present but sent his report by Gloria; 3 mothers were helped to move into their apartments; the toy distribution went smoothly and we served over 400 children. Some organizations were

concerned about where the toys go, and what organizations get to distribute the toys.

**Wellness Center** – Welcomers and UW Health students worked on prevention since it was flu season. They had a secret Santa and exchanged gifts. Working to get them certified in CPR and will work together for more outreach next year. Their direction is for the Welcomers to come together with different organizations on different issues.

Ms. Howard would like to partner with Allied Partner for Pasta Wednesday. It happens the last Wednesday of the month starting at 11:30 am.

We need to look at if we are meeting the needs of the community. We also need a clear understanding of what these needs are. Perhaps we can get Pastor Cheryl to come to our next meeting and address the policies and procedures of the food pantry, so we will have some guidelines.

The expiration on meats should be watched closely; some of the meat from the pantry is expired and has freezer burn.

We need to come up with a plan to help with community meals.

Dorothy is trying to get Fitchburg community involved and familiar with the neighborhood, we need to get to know each other.

The next meeting will be convened by Eileen Dresser.

Eileen Dresser thank you for volunteering for our next meeting Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Selena Pettigrew