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Boise/Ada County Homeless Coalition  
**Minutes, September 2022**

The meeting was conducted by Denise Caruzzi, President

Also in attendance: Members: Boise Salvation Army Corps, Kira Hurt; Howard Belodoff; Cathedral of the Rockies, Pete Schroeder; Carol Craighill, Secretary; Deb Eisinger; Lila Fetherolf; Karen Folk; Jim Grunow; Gary Hanes; Martin Hendrickson; Interfaith Sanctuary, Jodi Peterson; Intermountain Fair Housing Council, Sarah Jaraczek; Jesse Tree, Cassandra Artukovich; Neysa Jensen; LEAP HOUSING, Cay Marquart; Mary Nagel, Vice-President; Vivian Parrish; Rodger Shaver; Gayle Wilde, Laurynda Williams and TJ Wilson. Guests: Linda Beebe; Ariana Brault; Eli Griffin; Casey McGee and Diane Ronayne.

**Review of Minutes of August 10, 2022**

Motion to approve as submitted: Pete Schroeder: Second; Gayle Wilde. Approved unanimously

**Review of Treasurer's Report of August 10, 2022**

Presented by Carol Craighill who reported a balance of \$3,160.92

Motion to approve: Cay Marquart; Second: Pete Schroeder. Approved unanimously

**Committee Reports:**

**Lila Fetherolf**, Education and Advocacy Task Force, reported:

1. There will be four sites where voter registration cards and absentee ballots will be available.
2. The third presentation of our *Walk With Me—Talk With Me* program took place at the Cathedral of the Rockies on Sept. 11. Karen F. said she was really impressed with the energy in the room.
3. Pete reported on the Housing and Economic Development Conference. There was non-stop traffic in the morning. There were 40 to 50 groups there. Several people signed up for the newsletter. All volunteer participants agreed that our time was well spent and that we should attend the next conference.
4. Capitol Hill Day-Denise reported that she met with our Representatives and Senators or their aides to vote yes on the bill which would provide 200,000 additional vouchers (country wide) and provide money for emergency rental studies and fund emergency services.

Denise asked if we would be interested in starting the book club again. The suggested reading would be Homelessness is a Housing Problem. **Our Path Home** will be bringing the author (Gregg Colburn) to Boise in November.

Denise gave us an update on Missouri's position on punishing the homeless people. Cicero Institute is responsible for getting many of these horrible laws passed. Howard B. pointed out that many of these laws are not constitutional. National Alliance to End Homelessness is a great source in helping the homeless.

The open house for the two new affordable homes (Taft Homes)-in back of the Collister Church will be on Oct. 27 at 3:30. Members are encouraged to go.

## **Special Coalition Future Planning**

*See Attached Planning Document*

## **Further Considerations:**

We need to state specific requirements for all offices. Cay M. suggested that some of these duties be shared. She volunteered to continue to do the minutes but not the other duties of the secretary.

## **Agency Updates:**

### **Jesse Tree, Cassandra**

They are looking for someone who would be interested in an operation manager position.

They are experiencing historic highs in people needing help and people being evicted.

### **Our Path Home Connect (OPH Outreach), Casey**

They are building relationships with homeless people in order to help them.

#### **Communities Solve Problems.**

They will help with registering people to vote.

### **Salvation Army, Kira Hunt (Family Services Case Manager)**

They are busy with the food pantry which is in high demand—averaging 70 cars a day since the beginning of the week.

### **Interfaith Sanctuary, Jodi Peterson-Stigers**

They are in the process of creating a task force to help seniors who have physical and/or mental issues because there are no facilities or solutions to help them. Howard suggested that a good solution could be to help people apply for public assistance through the County Indigent Funds.

Hotel Update—Jodi said that no hotel vouchers would be given out in Ada County-- even though all other counties are doing so.

A design of the new Interfaith Sanctuary development will be presented at the City Council meeting. She is asking us to show up at that meeting on Oct. 12.

### **Our Path Home, City of Boise: Eli Griffin, Coordinator**

OPH is sponsoring Gregg Colburn, Author of **Homelessness is a Housing Problem.**

Also working on *Lived Experience Engagement Work Plan*: involving people themselves to direct the work of Our Path Home (What they think will work, what they think is important and needed).

Pugging the Housing Crisis Hotline.

## **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:02. The next meeting will be October 12, 2022 at 1:30pm

Notes taken by Cay Marquart, Secretary: Carol Craighill