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Boise/Ada County Homeless Coalition
Minutes, December 14, 2022

The meeting was conducted by Denise Caruzzi, President

Also in attendance: Members: CATCH, Maddy Andrew and Casey McGee; Cathedral of the Rockies, Pete Schroeder; Corpus Christi House, Don Ruffing; LEAP HOUSING, Cay Marquart; Howard Belodoff; Carol Craighill, Secretary; Dan Drake; Miranda Elli; Karen Folk; Jim Grunow; Martin Hendrickson; Neysa Jensen; Barbara Kemp; Mary Nagel; Kelli Parker; Vivian Parrish; Yogi Pullman; Pam Roemer.

Review of Minutes: Nov. 9, 2022, Motion to approve as submitted; Pete Schroeder., Second: Mary Nagel. Approved unanimously

Review of Treasurer's Report: Nov. 30, 2022. Presented by Carol C. who reported a balance of \$3,265.07. Motion to approve; Cay Marquart, Second; Vivian Parrish. Approved unanimously

Leadership Election: Pete Schroeder has volunteered to be Co-President, but at this time, we have no one volunteering to be President. Neysa Jensen has volunteered to be Treasurer. We still need positions to be filled. Because of the many positions which have not been filled, the following changes will be made:

1. There will be no newsletters
2. We will rely totally on Idaho Asset Building Network for our legislative information

The once-a-month round-table discussions will continue and there will be a planning meeting in January to discuss other changes and priorities.

Denise has made a list of this year's impressive accomplishments:

- Legislature monitoring and testimony for and against bills impacting housing and our community population
- 4 legislative action events-- meetings with Idaho and Federal representatives
- Research, testimony, and statements and letters of support for Interfaith P&Z hearing and subsequent appeals to City Council, etc.
- Collaboration with other groups in area (ex: Boise Faith Group)
- Website goes live—as a new way to communicate & coordinate our information and efforts
- Conference & Event participation (4 events) to increase visibility for the Coalition and education for the community
- Letters to Editor and Op-Eds—to keep policy issues in public consciousness
- Monthly-plus Membership Alerts and sample letters to support advocacy, provide resources and educational opportunities
- Collaboration with IABN for policy input on state-wide level
- 3 Educational panel discussions with Faith Centers; 1 speaking event

- Provide resources for media requests

Denise thanked all of the many organizations and our committees for the incredible work they have done throughout the year. A special thank you goes to Carol Craighill who has been on every big project for years and for her continued work on the website. Another special thank you is for the excellent job of the Education and Advocacy Committee.

It is to be noted that several members thanked Denise for her commitment to our organization and for her excellent leadership and accomplishments during her tenure.

Karen and Danny have volunteered to be street liaisons to give us information about conditions on the street. Karen emphasized the importance of connecting with other cities which have had successes in this area.

Agency Updates:

Corpus Christi House, Dan R. reported that they are getting lots of winter clothing, but the need is for more gloves. The annual vigil will be at Interfaith Sanctuary on Dec. 21 at 6:00 PM.

CATCH, Casey M. reported that their holiday party is on Dec. 15 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. You need to check the location on the Internet. She also reported that they now have two online referral systems and she will put the link on the website. Kelli P. added that “findhelpidaho.org” is another excellent resource to find help.

Jannus, Kelli P. reported that they have purchased a great device for translations which has greatly helped. They also help people by informing them about economic opportunities--featuring microloans for emergency housing, help with budgeting, and credit attainment.

Idaho Legal Aid, Martin H. reported that they are continuing to work on unconstitutional arrests.

501C3 Committee, Kelli P. talked about the pros and cons of applying for a 501C3 status. She thought the potential benefits outweighed the cons, but the committee will continue to study the issues.

Education & Advocacy Committee, the committee will continue with monthly newspaper articles and panel discussions. The Annual PIT Count will be in January. If interested, please let us know.

Pete Schroeder (our new Co-Vice-President) ended the meeting with the message that we're in this together!

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 by outgoing President, Denise Caruzzi. The next general meeting will be January 11, 2023, at 1:30 pm.

Notes taken by Cay Marquart

Acting Secretary: Carol Craighill