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Boise/Ada County Homeless Coalition Minutes, May10, 2023

The meeting was opened by Lila Fetherolf and conducted by Kelli Parker in the absence of Pete Schroeder

Also in attendance: Lila Fetherolf; Cara Cain; Gayle Wilde; Cay Marquart; Richard Mross; Kelsey Cooper; Kira Hurt, Salvation Army; Mary Nagel, Cassandra Artukovich, Jesse Tree; Pam Romer,; Howard Belodoff; Miranda Ellis; Mel Leviton (ID SILC); Jodi Peterson, Interfaith Sanctuary; Gerri Graves; Jessica Aston

Review of Minutes: April 12, 2023—Lila F. motioned to accept; Gayle W. seconded Approved unanimously

Review of Treasurer's Report: the ending balance for 4/30/23 was \$4,055.15. Cay M. motioned to accept; Lila F. seconded Approved unanimously

Issus in mailing and on <u>homelesscoalitionboise.com</u>:

- Letter to Planning & Zoning submitted, encouraging City to accept new zoning rewrite. Read the Coalition's letter on our <u>Current Alerts & Opportunities</u> web page.
- City of Boise committed \$1.68 million to fund Interfaith Sanctuary's hotel vouchers for another year.
- **Education Resources:** How much do you know about homelessness in America? A new Urban Institute quiz helps users assess how well they understand the causes of and solutions to one of the nation's most pressing challenges.
 - Find Education Resources on the <u>Current Alerts & Opportunities</u> page. The quiz doesn't take long, and you will learn many essential truths about homelessness!

Gayle W. reported that the Congregational Church (23rd and Woodland) will be hosting a program on affordable Housing on May 21 at 10:30. The main speakers will be Stephanie Day (Catch) and Ms. Hellencamp (Mayor's Housing Advisor).

Agency Reports:

Kira H. (Salvation Army) announced an upcoming 13 week course, "Getting Ahead", starting on June 7. The purpose of the course is to help people break the cycle of poverty. Starting June 2, they will be offering good healthy food for those in need.

Cassandra A. (Jesse Tree) Jesse Tree will be offering eviction trainings for interested service providers.

Jodi P. (Interfaith Sanctuary) talked about the ground breaking ceremony for the new Interfath shelter and how well it was attended. Unfortunately, mainly because of the delays and new structure plans, the

cost has increased to 14.5 million dollars. Significant funds will have to be raised. One such fundraiser will be the Gala which will be at the Shakespeare Theater on Oct. 2.

Gerri Graves (Interfaith) read her speech that she had given at the Interfaith groundbreaking ceremony. We all agreed that it was amazing! Her speech also appeared in the Idaho Statesman.

Kelli P. (Economic Opportunity by Janus) spoke about the partnership they have with Jesse Tree in facilitating the eviction trainings for service providers.

Committee Reports:

Lila F. (Education and Advocacy) suggested that we go to the website for updated information on upcoming events, hot topics, etc. Also, she reminded us to go to the website for updated agency information. Updated agency information should be sent to contact@homelesscoalitionboise.com.

Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be June 14, 2023, at 1:30.

Notes taken by Cay Marquart Secretary: Carol Craighill