

Boise/Ada County Homeless Coalition

Minutes, November 8, 2023

The meeting was conducted by Pete Schroeder.

Review of Minutes: Neysa Jensen moved acceptance, Lila Fetherolf seconded

Review of Treasurer's Report: Vivian Parrish moved approval, Don Ruffing seconded

Attendees:

- Carol Craighill
- Casey McGee
- Cay Marquart
- Connor O’Hora/CATCH
- Denise Caruzzi
- Don Ruffing
- Gary Hanes
- Erik Kingston
- Jim Grunow
- Katie Herstein
- Kelli Parker
- Lila Fetherolf
- Mary Nagel
- Megan Dayton
- Neysa Jensen
- Pam Roemer
- Peg Richards
- Pete Schroeder
- Vivian Parrish
- Yanelly Hurtado
- Kelli Parker
- Gayle Wilde

Presenter:

Kodianne Burnett (NeighborWorks Boise) involved with many projects such as Rake Up Boise and working in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. They are also working on a single-family development—39 houses in progress using the housing trust model. Their funding comes from grants, partnerships, organizations, and CDFI (Community Development Financial Institution). They also offer help/training to people on budgeting and buying or renting a house or apartment.

Roundtable Updates:

Conner O’Hora (Catch) is in charge of Outreach. They provide contact and immediate help for the homeless and are looking for survival supplies for winter.

Corpus Christi (Don R.) reports an uptick in numbers every week. They served 140 guests at lunch just recently, with 75-100 being their typical. They will be partnering with CATCH and a local veterinarian to offer animal outreach for medical treatment of pets on Nov. 18. Don's focus is now on targeted his non-profit, Low Income Support Inc, and individual case management in our unhoused community. (They hope to do this every 3-4 months.)

Megan Dayton (Friends of Children and Families) offer Head Start programs throughout the state. They serve about 280 children, but the need is much greater. Unfortunately, there is a shortage of staff members.

Kelli P. (Economic Opportunity By Jannus) they are providing personal emergency loans (focus on housing and car repair costs) have ramped up education classes to help people with budgeting and business development.

Pete S. (Cathedral of the Rockies)– reports that the Boise Faith Group members are seeing an uptick in community emergency requests and needed services.

Erik K (Idaho Housing and Finance Association—IHFA) offering online courses on the economics of securing housing (and high school kids’ budgeting to help them prepare for moving into housing independence). He is also a volunteer board member for the Idaho Access Project which helps design homes for accessibility; notes they need volunteers and encourages support for Avenues for Hope (which begins on Dec. 12)

James G. (Book Group) have finished their book discussion of Poverty by America by Matthew Desmond. He is starting a new mailing list for anyone interested in continuing the discussion. Please contact him or Pete if interested.

Katie H. (Congregation Ahavath Beth Israel)—They are focusing on combating hunger and food insecurity as a primary goal. She notes they are supporting a first-time client going through the Furnishing Hope program, and their congregation will be supporting their move.

Cay M. (LEAP HOUSING)-We raised \$1M for down payment assistance to help families achieve homeownership!! (Just announced phase 2 - \$775K for the next 29 families, which our Avenues for Hope campaign will fund.) Reminds everyone to provide events and content for the Coalition website.

Other new business:

Lila F. introduced us to a new model for the Coalition’s leadership. We are suggesting to change the name of the Executive Committee to Leadership Committee. Our goal is to bring in more volunteers to help with various duties and projects. Although there will continue to be named positions of President and Secretary and Treasurer—but without fixed roles (to spread tasks among our volunteer members). Draft proposal will be sent out in the next few days, and the vote will be at our December meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, Dec.13, 2023 at 1:30.

Notes taken by Cay Marquart

Resources provided in meeting chat:

From Erik Kingston: <https://bsaplacecreation.com/email-campaign-articles/pocket-neighborhoods>
<https://www.focaf.org/>

From Peg Richards: announcing 2 online trainings next week with Idaho Fair Housing, contact her with interests: prichards@ifhcidaho.org

From Pete Schroeder: Cathedral of the Rockies offers lunch bags: M-Th, 9am-4pm

From Gary Hanes: NeighborWorks Boise’s Cole Bluff project: <https://nwboise.org/cole-bluff/>

From Don Ruffing: Low Income Support Inc email: info@boiselist.org for targeted case mgmt..

Phone for critical emergencies: 2805-807-1608

Weblinks: <https://boiselist.org/> or <https://lowincomesupport.org>