

My Friends Place
Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2011

Present: Heather Vonderfecht, Sue DuLucchi from Safe Harbor, Derek McGuckin, Cliff Brown, Melinda Montgomery, Mark Lee, Merrie Crawford, Darrell Puls, Christy Challenger

Minutes were approved for November 2010 and December 2010 meetings.

Financial Report:

Received: \$1,300 from Alternative Gift Fair
100 from Lampson
115 from people at Cliff's San Francisco meeting

Total Funds we now have: \$9,327

Outreach Efforts:

Rotary – Columbia Basin – meets at Red Lion in Pasco – they saw the video – here to soften up, not raise money – C.A. Hurst and Christy Challenger

Kiwanis – District meeting on February 9 – Cliff will attend – 6 clubs – Horse Heaven chair youth services

Hawthorne Court Retirement Community – Cliff speak – planned giving

Kennewick First UMC – Merrie??

Kicking It Up For Kids – fund raising event – give it to MFP – focus on one organization

Alliance – Sue DeLucchi – Safe Harbor Crisis Nursery – they want to be more formally involved with other community organizations – State Children's Administration going to a master contracting system – one organization in each region that will be responsible for all the contracts that go out for services for kids that are in a dependency – so all family services will be centralized through a specific group (unknown at this point) – independent contractors with the state with small contracts wanted to form a coalition for wrap-around service for all the different programs – required by the master contractor program – so families can go to one agency and have all the connections they need – many of the independent contractors were not being included in the program, so Safe Harbor decided to create an alliance with them and others, such as MFP, to receive funds from the master contracting program, as well as federal funds

Cliff would like to circulate the agreement to board members by e-mail – can vote on by e-mail – one organization would be responsible to receive the grant

and then they would give out the funds to the other members of the alliance – alliance agreement says we will agree to negotiate state, federal, and private contracts and to provide integrative services to

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individuals, children, and families of southeastern Washington and northeast Oregon – Safe Harbor would be the lead of the consortium – any disputes would be settled by the dispute resolution center if necessary – a fairly open-ended agreement – Vista Youth Center could also be a participant

will wait until the agreement is circulated via e-mail before a motion is made

EPIC – still vacant – Safe Harbor in negotiations for lease option agreement with EPIC – EPIC was given the land by the county as long as they provide crisis youth services - EPIC can longer provide youth services – Safe Harbor has the funds to run the building, but are not providing youth services – so if MFP were to use the building, then Safe Harbor can tell EPIC and the county that they do plan to use it for youth services so they could proceed with their lease option agreement – county could still, however, take the property back from EPIC by going to court

would like to have an advisory body how to craft the program with representatives from MFP and other groups in the alliance

the cost of the land is \$167,000 – does not include the cost of the building – if someone could come up with that money, the county could be paid for the land and taken out of the picture altogether – Cliff will raise that possibility with the groups to whom he is speaking – total price for building and land is \$350,000

Darrell Puls – Cathedral of Joy – Peace Bridge Ministries – focused on church conflict management and forgiveness and reconciliation processes following conflict – outreach by interviewing various leaders of community organizations – trying to find a pattern – asking what one thing in our community if they were to tackle full head on would make a big difference – responses show a connection of various forms of disintegration of the nuclear family and how that impacts the community – they are looking for one project to tackle with everything they've got – interested in doing a capital campaign for renovations, etc., at their campus, but also looking to take 25% of that amount and putting it back into the project they choose to try and make a difference in the community – in conversation with Cliff and interested in our program – he will take recommendations back to his church for them to consider and choose a project

Discussion of concern over perception of public, whether we are actively working towards family reconciliation and how to help parents as well as teens

some next steps:
Cliff work with Marjie on the web page

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could possibly ask Rotary to underwrite funds for fundraising event
Kiwanis annual dinner dance funds will be exclusively dedicated to MFP – in
November

Melinda would be willing to help with grant writing

Merrie send out e-mail to old team asking for grant writer – Tracy Diaz – active in
looking for and writing grants – Mark will give information to Merrie about Tracy
Steve Gaulke wanting to get back involved

Cliff – move to approve Derek's board application; seconded; motion carries,
unanimous.

Former discussion about working on using the church for one night a week as a
shelter. Not yet in a position to do this. Subject tabled.

Heather's son – Facebook page, cause page?

Next meeting: March 1, 2011, 6 p.m. at RUMC

Watch video. Mark will put video on YouTube.