

My Friends Place
Annual Board Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2010

The Annual Board meeting of My Friends Place was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Acting President Merrie Crawford.

PRESENT: Merrie Crawford, Cliff Brown, Jill Sarbacher, Melinda Montgomery, Heather Vonderfecht, and Derek McGuckin

NEW BUSINESS

Vote on new board members:

Motion for admittance to Board of Directors for Christy Challender and Heather Vonderfecht offered by Cliff Brown. Seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Nominations for board officers were submitted in a slate as follows:

President – Cliff Brown

Vice President – Melinda Montgomery

Secretary – Merrie Crawford

Treasurer – Mark Lee

Assistant Treasurer – Jillian Sarbacher

Motion for approval of this slate of officers offered by Heather Vonderfecht. Seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

President Cliff Brown took over the governance of the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Raise Your Tents For Homelessness: Mark and Cliff met with some people from this organization who expressed interest in working with MFP. Last year, they raised \$10,000+ for the Union Gospel Mission. Melinda will call/e-mail Ben Cook to see if they still have this interest, possible change of location (Columbia Park?), and what MFP can do help.

A question was raised about whether or not there is an overarching interfaith umbrella to whom we could give a presentation. The name of Amy Schultz was raised as someone who

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has a connection with many churches. Heather will ask her pastor about this question.

Kiwanis – Youth Services Committee – Chris Savalas and Andy Purdue – promote MFP to

regional and district Kiwanis

Rotary – November – duck sale going on – how do we get on the list to receive funds?

Annual fundraising event: costume ball – something to consider

Leadership Tri-Cities – organizations go to them with suggestions – could we get a storage facility paid for in which to store items that people want to donate to MFP?

Cliff has found an accountant who will audit our files for \$300. He suggested we do this in January 2011. Merrie moved to do so, seconded. Motion carried. (E-mail sent to Judy Anderson for tickler file.)

Video: We still have nothing on the video. Jill will talk to Mrs. Ed? and Mark to see about getting things going again. Tyron is no longer with the project.

Order cards: Merrie will do this. \$200 to Nurmi Husa for finishing this project.

Mark needs to be added to the bank account as a signator.

Common Ground: Cliff talked with Niki Smith. They are trying to get funds from HUD to finance Common Ground giving us advice.

Derek: Idea of using churches to keep the shelter in one night a week – Friday night. With several churches, they would only have one night a month or less. Merrie will call licensing agency about churches sheltering teens – would they need a license? Would government funds be available to do this? MFP would provide staffing, cots, bedding, etc. Churches would provide space, shower?, maybe a cook. MFP would need a trailer (project for Kiwanis, Rotary, etc.?). A fundraiser project could be carried out to fund a trailer. Would MFP need extra insurance besides the church's insurance? Merrie will get licensing codes to Cliff.

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Could we get church buses/vans to pick up the kids? Possible people to talk to:

Todd at CUP – Ignite Mentoring joining Seniors and Teens

United Methodist Pacific Northwest Conference – funding? Could we apply for this to be an advance? It would be presented and voted on at Annual Conference. Could Derek tell us how to apply to other church organizations also? Single sheet info – sent Jill info???

No announcements or other business.

The next meeting will be held on November 2, 2010, at 6 p.m. at Riverview United Methodist Church.

The meeting was adjourned by President Cliff Brown.