

My Friends Place
Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2010

Present: Heather Vonderfecht, Christy Challender, Cliff Brown, Derek McGuckin, Merrie Crawford

Minutes:

September 7, 2010 – Board Meeting

September 7, 2010 – Action Team Meeting

October 5, 2010 – Annual Board Meeting

Merrie moved minutes for September 2010 Board Meeting, September 2010 Action Team Meeting, and October 2010 Annual Board Meeting be passed. Seconded. Motion carried.

FLYER:

See flyer for Fast Forward. Questions that came up about this organization:

Do they have a facility?

Could we collaborate with them?

Catholic Family Services, also

We need to gather information about what other organizations are out there and let them know who we are.

We would like to have a one-page flyer also.

Question of using revolving churches one night a week for shelter:

- hard to do, better if in a single place
- will it really reach the kids we want to reach?
- University Temple in Seattle is doing this in their church – Derek will research
- having it in our church would be covered by conference insurance
- we would need to do one in each city
- shows funders that we are doing something that they can further fund and move us on
- Sundays are probably a good night
- we could maybe get community agencies to partner – SARC, Domestic Violence, St. Vincent, etc. Community resource connection for the kids
- Would need washer/dryer, showers, food, cots, bedding, etc.
- people who work at Juvenile Justice Center, Child Protective Services, etc., might be willing to volunteer, also consider JJC probation officers, social work students – people who are already fingerprinted, background check, etc. - chaplains
- would have paid staff and volunteers
- food bank donate meals?
- fire marshal – how many cots, how many people?

- a policy for turning people away
- storage

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Pride Foundation Grant – need to clarify – Christy will start working on this grant

- how to measure success
- mission
- history
- expertise
- time line
- etc.

Still on hold:

- video – Mark gave us a time frame in December for completion
- road trip with Jill and Mark to visit shelters

Single-sheet flyer like Fast Forward would be good for us to have

- Heather offered to ask her son to do this
- Merrie to send her information

If we start a shelter in the church, it would still be just a stepping stone – would need to make sure we follow all laws so that we could transition easily into another facility – match state requirements for a stand-alone facility

Cliff will start talking to corporate donors – Lampson? Lamb Weston?

Christy will talk to Joanne Edwards at CPS

There is no ecumenical umbrella that encompasses all the faith organizations. Cliff will talk to Bethel and Cathedral of Joy

The Outside In in Portland is for over 18. Same for University Temple? Derek Youth Care – Christy will call them and send website to the rest of the board

Lawyers and Artists Ball – TRAC – charitable event for youth – C. A. Hurst provide musicians – costume ball – TRAC can give facility at cost – our cost approximately \$3,000 for an evening – could spend our money or solicit from Rotary, Kiwanis, some other for publicity and/or rent for the event – will need to see when TRAC is available

My Friends Place is now an official project of the Horse Heaven Hills Kiwanis – would like to make it a division project

Derek mentioned again that we could talk to Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Methodist Church to make My Friends Place an Advance (Peace With

Justice) for people to give funds to. It would be discussed and voted on at Annual Conference in June 2011. Excellent time to do this as Annual Conference will be at the TRAC in June 2011.

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Merrie will contact the people from the Alternative Gift Fair.

Donation envelopes – web page.

Next meeting: December 7, 2010, at 6 p.m. at Riverview United Methodist Church

President

Date

Secretary

Date

Recorder: mmc