

Mt. Healthy Alliance Board of Directors Minutes for the Meeting of February 11, 2010

Board member attendance: Don Hubbard, Jim Spicer, David Miller, Sherri Horton, Karen Gerrety, Roxanne Reed, Trudy Noffsinger, David Bailey.

The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Trudy Noffsinger at 7:00 p.m.

1. Jim Spicer recommended that the vision statement written by the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) be formally approved by the Board. After discussion and some revisions, the Board unanimously approved the vision statement as amended. Jim will send a copy of revised statement to the Board members. It was determined that the Mission Statement had previously been approved by the Board.
2. David Bailey presented the Code of Conduct for Board members for discussion and approval. One of the items in the Code relates to the obligation of Board members to provide personal financial support to the Alliance. The Board agreed that this provision does not specify an amount and that donations of food to the pantry would be considered financial support. If a Board member wants their food donation to satisfy this provision of the Code, they must provide the Treasurer with a receipt verifying the donation. The motion to approve the document was unanimously approved.
3. David Bailey proposed that the Board support the initiative of the Health Care Connection to obtain funding and build a new facility in our community by writing a letter to Sen. Sherrod Brown. A draft letter doing so was presented to the Board which unanimously approved sending same.
4. Jim Spicer provided a summary of the Needs Assessment report recently received from Judy Singleton of the College of Mt. St. Joseph. The SPC will study the report and formulate an action plan for submission to the Board for its consideration.
5. Kathy Lorenz and David Bailey presented information regarding obtaining a telephone land line and internet connection for the food pantry. The cellular telephone reception is poor in the pantry and the present internet connectivity is spotty. A land line would also provide us with the ability to send/receive fax transmissions and client messages could be retrieved from remote locations. The Board unanimously approved the expenditure of not to exceed \$150.00 per month for these services and Kathy/David are going to follow up with Cincinnati Bell to arrange for same.
6. The minutes from the January, 2010 meeting was unanimously approved.
7. The food pantry report of February, 2010 was unanimously approved.
8. The Treasurer's report was given. The person who audits the records of the Mt. Healthy United Methodist Church has agreed to audit our records and Trudy will be in contact with him soon to begin this work.

9. The Operations Committee report was presented by Donald Hubbard and Kathy Lorenz. There was discussion about ways to try to better promote the Thursday a.m. voluntary Chapel Service. There was discussion about paying for snow removal at the pantry and Kathy had spoken with a few contractors and obtained bids. She was given the authority to hire these services on an ongoing basis at the discretion of the Operations Committee.
10. There was no further report from the SPC.
11. Roxanne Reed presented samples of a Memorial Card and envelope which can be distributed at funerals, weddings and other occasions for people to more easily make a donation to the Alliance. These were accepted by the Board and Roxanne was given the authority to have some printed.
12. David Miller agreed to be the chair person for the Hunger Walk.
13. Roxanne Reed agreed to see if St. Paul's will host the volunteer recognition dinner. If not, Sherri Horton agreed to ask the Mt. Healthy Christian Church if they will host the dinner.
14. The Board unanimously agreed to accept the resignation of Larry Bussard and New Hope Baptist Church from our membership.
15. David Bailey has made efforts to contact Ed/Cindy Emmert of Faith Lutheran and Marcus Goodwin of Global Ministries about their continued participation in the Alliance without success thus far. He will continue these efforts and report on same to the Board next month.

The meeting was closed with prayer offered by Sherri Horton at 9:00 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 7:00 at the Mt. H. Methodist Church.

Submitted by:

David Miller

Secretary

February 15, 2010