

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

Board member attendance: Don Hubbard, Jim Spicer, David Miller, Sherri Horton, Karen Gerrety, Roxanne Reed, Kevin Orr, David Bailey, Donald Jones.

Other attendees: Kathy Lorenz; Tim Gramke, Vineyard Northwest Church.

The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Donald Jones at 7:00 p.m.

1. The minutes from the February 11, 2010 meeting were approved.
2. There was no report from the Treasurer due to her absence.
3. David Bailey led an exercise on mission, vision, strategy and planning; it is a tool for the Board to assess its capacity in those general areas. There are 16 capacity elements in the tool. David emphasized he wanted the Board to use this for the Board to discuss this issues which are important elements of effective organizations. Each of the elements is rated using a four-level system with level I being "clear need for increased capacity"; level II being "basic level of capacity building"; level III being "moderate level of capacity in place"; level IV being "high level of capacity in place". During this meeting, the Board had discussion on the first 5 elements and the consensus rating for each is: mission (high II/low III); clarity of vision (low 2); boldness of vision (high III or IV); overarching goals (between a I and II); overall strategy (mid I or II). From this discussion David Bailey suggested that our mission statement be used more often and that each Board meeting should begin with its recitation and that it should be included on all of the Board's official communications.
4. Our guest, Tim Gramke, and David Bailey recently attended the Culture of Poverty conference and reported on same. David suggested the main thing he took from the conference was that working with the poor successfully begins with establishing relationships. David is going to invite the workshop leader to be our keynote speaker at the volunteer recognition dinner.
5. Jim Spicer gave a report on the activities of the strategic planning committee. He outlined the process the committee is engaged in to follow up on seven potential outreach ministries highlighted by the Mt. St. Joe needs assessment. He emphasized that we are looking at both urgent care outreach and rehab or transformative ministries and that we want to emphasize the transformative ministries as we define our future goals. The committee is working toward presenting specific goals to the Board in the near future.
6. Kevin Orr gave a report on the development committee. LaVina Bryant of Mt. St. Joe continues to work on writing a grant for the Alliance. Kevin reported that the Mt. H Business Expo will be held on Sunday, May 23 from noon to 4:00 at the Mt. H Eagles and we are invited to participate by having representatives there to tell our story. He reported that Celebrate Mt. H will occur on Saturday, September 11 at the Mt. H Park and we are invited to have a booth. It was suggested that we hold a raffle to generate money or food donations for the pantry. Kevin asked for input on what his committee should be working on. The response was money and marketing. There

was some discussion of producing a DVD outlining our story that could be shared with our member congregations and others and using social media to get our message out more broadly.

7. Don Hubbard gave the Operations committee report. We need to have more information about our volunteers. Don provided us a copy of the application form used by the Freestore. The committee will develop an application and submit it to the Board for approval.
8. Kathy Lorenz filed her report with Board by earlier email distribution and there were no questions or discussion. She mentioned the possibility of becoming involved in the “backpack program” in the future.
9. Dave Miller is serving as the liaison for the Hunger Walk. No report was submitted
10. The Chapel service at the pantry was discussed. There is small attendance. There was talk of having the Pastor on-site each week so that people who desired could talk with the Pastor on a one to one basis.
11. The volunteer recognition dinner will be held at St. Paul’s UCC on April 15 at 6:00. Roxanne is heading this up for the Board. She moved that up to \$800.00 be authorized to reimburse St. Paul’s for the cost of the meal. This was properly seconded and the motion unanimously passed.
12. The cost of hosting our website is \$15.00 per month. Heretofore, this has been paid from the Bishop’s discretionary fund of the Episcopal Church. A motion was made and seconded that the payment of this fee be transferred to the Alliance Board; the motion passed unanimously.
13. David Bailey has spoken with Ed Emmert who apologized for his absence at Board meetings, made a donation to the Board and indicated that Faith Lutheran still wants to be part of the Alliance. David has not been able to contact Pastor Marcus Goodwin regarding his intentions. David said he will write Pastor Goodwin a letter in an effort to determine whether or not his church intends to remain part of the Alliance.
14. Kevin reported that a member of his congregation, Greg Spitler, is conducting a financial audit of our records.

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

Next meeting: Thursday, April 8, 2010 at 7:00 at the Mt. H. Christian Church.

Submitted by:

David Miller

Secretary

March 13, 2010