

Arden Arcade HART

General Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2020

12 Noon

Zoom

Matthew Kyle – congressman Bera

Mike Grace

Annie kempees

CeeCee Coleman

Melinda Eppler

Joe & Patty Symkowick

Jeannie Anderson-West

Rick Morat

Heather wheeler

Jim Schaal

Tom Tortora

John McCormack

Matt

Rich Desmond

Scott Young

Thought: 'Lifes most persistent and urgent questions is what are we doing for others.' MLK

The group provided feedback on this quote:

CeeCee: helping by promoting the w. Mission at St. Matthews. Center Board at St. Matthews. Homeless outreach navigator for Self-Help Housing. Needs to focus also on helping self.

Mike Grace: Helping others in process of creating empowerment park. Looks like last hurdle of lots have been approved by appraisal. Helping all community members including handicap

Annie Kempees: Loosely connected to Unitarian Church and is a helper to navigators. Busy.

Tom: Arden Arcade Food Closet. Sierra Vista Community Church. Liaison Arden Arcade HART. Acting president and liasson to NAMI. Intl. Rescue Committee.

John M.: St. Marks United Methodist. Food and homeless programs. Sacramento ACT. Steps forward homeless team and new team VOAD-interfaith committee.

Rich Desmond: helping Family members and friends. Volunteering Sierra Arden food closet run by Dolores Forkee 2 to 3 days a week. Improve how to help with HART. (Tom: Sierra Arden folks love Rich!)

Paul: running schools and participating via zoom to support outreach.

Joe and Patty: representing St. Ignatius. Sheltering in place. Racial equity.

Patty: Made about 80 facemasks

Jeannie: Extrovert! 😊 Webinaring and zooming to stay connected. Making calls to family and friends and senior parishioners, St. Ignatius Loyola Parish. Acting VP for Arden Arcade HART, interfaith council of Greater Sacramento, and Arden Arcade & Carmichael Faith Communities, New Pastor, Father Tom Lucas coming in July.

Rick: helping others.

Jim Schaal: St. Matthews and River City Food Bank increase from 350 to 600 households per week. Partner distributed chromebooks for adult English language

Heather Wheeler: With Gabby at Roseville road waiting for transport to move family to COVID hotel. Life as a navigator very busy and helping with COVID rapid response team to assess for trailers and hotels. Eye opener and stressful. 50 COVID -19 assessments so far. Proud! Clients that can't do the things they could do such as bathroom, showers, charge phones, and other resources prior to COVID that are not available now.

Keira: Teacher appreciation with students in the house (5). Appreciating the way teachers modify instruction. Selling masks. Gather donations and making food bags.

Scott Young: 8 years advocating for homeless in Carmichael and Carmichael HART 4 years ago. Church. Working with folks. Self-Help Housing running navigation team. All navigators have ability to do assessment to get guests into Covid hotels. Over 130 assessments.

Matt / Congressman Bera: Going door to door delivering food. Problems with IRS stimulus monies.

April Minutes – To be voted at next meeting. Jim motion, Tom 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

### **Incorporation**

Josh is helping with all HARTS to get language to complete this element and not reinvent the wheel. Should be a quick process. Officers established and file paperwork.

### **COVID-19 Field Response**

Tom: Changes could be made to how project is moving along. Who is going to be a collection point, bagging, storage, and transfer to navigators. We need a launch instruction.

Non-perishable goods and other items from list by Heather. AA volunteers and Mercy Peddlers would begin moving them.

**Good Shepherd** will be pursued (centrally located and not in conflict with the other food bank and distribution centers)

Thrive Grant: \$250 dollar donation

Jeannie: Resource guides will be included in bags.

Heather: 1000 box size medium gloves from SSF

Jim: helpful to have a clear target amount 50 bags(per week) ? that is the amount capable to move according to CeeCee.

### **Fundraising**

Applied for mini emergency grant steps forward of \$3000. \$1000 hygiene kits. \$1000 grocery cards. \$1000 restaurant cards (local owners).

Good locations? Along Watt ave and Arden Way, Fulton, Marconi.

\$10. Each. 10 cards each business (\$100).

Need to be welcoming to the population using the cards

Stay at home fundraiser: \$500 day of and now up to \$540.

April ?? \$500 deposit

May 8<sup>th</sup> deposit \$2525

Current bank balance: \$5,290

Keira and Jeanne: We applied for LDS grant for \$5000 and were approved. This was for Winter sanctuary but will be used within the parameters of the grant monies.

### **ALL HARTS**

Scott: Most HART groups are interfacing with their constituents in various ways.

Midtown: Grant: Sandwiches / water (50 a day) Tues, Thurs, Fri

CH: Church donated facility for showers and allowing people to camp on property legally. Food as well. Also meals through a food truck with a voucher provided. 100 meals week

Carmichael: April 1: 50 meals M, W, F distributed. Committed through end of May. Handed out 300 containers with hand sanitizer and many masks.

Rancho-Grant. handing out gift cards

### **ANDY CAT BOMBED**

South Sac: Grant. Water, food, etc. on Sundays. Many unmet needs

Outreach and connecting has been successful by being in community more. Help educate people with COVID19 and how to be safe.

Annie: Only one HART group in big day of giving. Are there strings attached to big day of giving? Scott: Yes, many strings but necessarily bad but it requires staffing to support. mandatory meetings, social media participation, 2 yrs 990 reporting with Feds, etc.

Jim: what permitting had to occur for camping on church grounds? Scott: not sure but it is private property and what is allowed.

Rich: Good to forge that relationship to have law enforcement in line with church and community to create this type of relationship.

Jim; church site would help those not in conformity with the existing providers.

Motion to adjourn: Jeannie, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tom. Unanimous

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