

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Shelly Licata was unable to attend; Sarann Graham conducted the meeting.

Guests: Les Bishop, Pastor, Little Church of the Desert; Carlton Monroe, Pastor, Faith Lutheran Church and Richard Casaday, Prince of Peace Church, as well as President of the Ministerial Council, which sponsors the “New Life” program by the Coachella Rescue Mission; Bea Chambers, Faith Lutheran Church; Charlie Brown, retired Pastor who is moving to Florida; and Ron Cooley, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Joshua Tree.

2. UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION

A sign-in list was passed around.

3. APPROVAL OF JANUARY & FEBRUARY MINUTES

Both minutes were approved with the following changes to the February minutes: The date for the Fashion Show from March 23 to April 20; remove “Boudoir” after “Daniella’s”.

4. FUNDRAISER: UPDATE ON FASHION & ART SHOW

We now have the permit from the Town to operate the Resource Center. Cindy Melland will get it cleaned out of items from previous tenants. Tim Humphreville and Bret Morrison are donating their time in making interior renovations, including installing an ADA restroom. There are some computers available. Someone has volunteered as a start-up receptionist.

For the fashion show, Cindy Ontiveros is overseeing the models. Soroptomists volunteered both to model and to help dress the models. Golden Scarab’s Sandra Dearth has her own models. Funky and Darn Near New needs to see their models right away, as they are making outfits.

Sarann brought large posters designed/made by Carlos Reyes from ArTFx, one of the sponsors. There were also smaller information sheets for us to pass out. Get tickets from Kelly Carson, Basinwide Foundation Office, or Cheryl Nankervis, Chamber of Commerce Office. Checks should be made out to Basinwide Foundation, with a note at the bottom, “MB Haven”. Turn in ticket money to Kelly.

5. ESTABLISH COMMITTEE FOR POLICIES, PROCEDURES & FORMS

Sarann has received all the documentation from Placerville Resource Center, but feels that we should concentrate on the fashion show right now, since it is so soon. She suggested that we might want to form committees to look at different sections of the information.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. The pastors shared about their concerns and some efforts that are already in place.

Ron Cooley said that a number of people in his congregation have either been

Carlton Monroe said that he would welcome a presentation by us at the Twentynine Palms Ministerial Council.

Bea Chambers shared that she is particularly interested in homeless veterans, as well as women with children. She said that the church has an available parcel of land for our use if we are interested, one block north of the Joshua Tree Post Office. Sarann said that we will have to get together to look into how we might use it in the future, possibly involving the county. However, for now we are concentrating on getting the Resource Center functioning. She will share the information with Shelly Licata, Cindy Melland, and the lady in Placerville, who provided us with their paper work. She is currently writing another grant to secure more funds for their project.

We want to have post office boxes at possibly \$1 a month so that individuals have a permanent address and a safe lock-box.

We are looking into ways to provide food and there was discussion and information provided as to what the churches have already been doing it, from driving to Indio to get food from FIND to having parishioners cook meals. Sarann suggested that one of the churches might be able to make use of the refrigerator that Raj Idnani has available at the Travelodge, though it needs an electrician to get it working. Rev. Monroe said they could use it at Faith Lutheran and have a parishioner who is a master electrician.

- b. Deanna Luttrell, from the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership, passed out a flyer about the Victorville Project Connect day, from 10-4 on Monday, June 24, 2013. There was discussion about the last time a similar day was held in Yucca Valley and Deanna is ready to start planning another one. She also reminded us about two meetings at the County's Health Services building and hopes that we can attend. The San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership Provider Network meets every 3rd Wed., from 1-3 and The Interagency Partnership, which focuses on Veterans' Behavioral Health Issues, meets on the 4th Wed., from 9-11. There is a 3-minute comment period at both meetings. For information, contact Deanna at 909-382-7006 or dluttrell@dbh.sbcounty.gov.
 - c. Elizabeth Kirkland, from Pacific Clinics, pointed out the informational pamphlet about Transitional Age Youth (TAY) and the Car Wash on April 12, 11-3, at Applebee's, to raise money for trips for the TAY Peer Leadership Board.
10. NEXT MEETING – APRIL 19, 2013, Baptist Church, Sunset Rd., Joshua Tree. Go NORTH past the Natural Sisters Café. The church is on the left. Meet in the other building.

1. ADJOURNMENT: 11:20

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