

**Stewpot Community Services, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**April 15, 2015**

**Call to Order**

A meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by Chair Amy Brooks at 12:01 PM.

**Members Present**

Charles Parrott, Glen Breedlove, Sister Trinita Eddington, Amy Brooks, Steve Browning, Ton Rietvelt, Donna Orkin, Barbara Brunini, Ronnie Crudup, Jr., Jane Anna Barksdale, Sheldon Alston

**Staff Present**

Frank Spencer, Rhonda Tomlin, Michelle Bingham

**Prayer**

Frank Spencer offered the opening prayer.

**Minutes**

The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

**Report from Taste of Mississippi**

Michelle Bingham spoke about what a great year it was for Taste of Mississippi. She stated that seven years ago was the best year to date with \$115,000 in funds raised. She stated that they had raised around \$120,000 for this year. \$96,000 of that is sponsorship.

**Financial Report**

Frank Spencer went over the financials and stated that Stewpot was in much better shape financially as compared to last year at this time. He explained that a good deal of the money raised last year was due to the plea we made to the public, the city, and the county for funding our emergency shelters. He discussed sending out the same plea earlier this year; to ask the city and the county for funding.

Frank Spencer also talked about the need for a new food pantry and asked the board to start thinking about how to raise the funds needed for the project. The cost is approximately \$185,000. The new pantry would be much easier to access for the elderly and the handicapped. Charles Parrott stated maybe Stewpot could hold an event on site with church partners and show them the problems with the current pantry, and ask them to consider a special gift to fund the new pantry. Amy Brooks agreed with this notion.

Frank Spencer stated that he would be retiring when he turns 70, on May 1<sup>st</sup> of 2017. He asked the board to begin to thinking of how they want to go about looking for a new director. Amy Brooks suggested that the Stewpot Board form a search committee and to also talk to past Stewpot directors as to how to proceed. Frank Spencer stated that he would forward to the Stewpot board articles in magazines that discuss non-profit issues.

Frank Spencer spoke about the summer camp program coming up and that Stewpot will be sending out the sponsorship letters soon and that we have budgeted around \$65,000 for the program. Ton Rietvelt stated that Chic-fil-A is one of the summer camp sponsors and they want a tour of the facilities this year to see how the summer camp is managed. He stated he would get together with them and arrange a tour.



Rhonda Tomlin, Recorder



Amy Brooks, President