

**Stewpot Community Services, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**January 20, 2016**

**Call of Order**

A meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by Amy Brooks at 12:10 pm.

**Members Present**

Amy Brooks, Donna Orkin, Mike Upton, Barbara Brunini, Sheldon Alston, Steve Browning, Sister Trinita, Ton Rietvelt

**Staff Present**

Frank Spencer, Rhonda Tomlin, Aliecia Abram

**Opening Prayer**

Donna Orkin offered the opening prayer.

**Introduction of new staff member**

Frank Spencer introduced a new staff member, Aliecia Abram.

**Sims House discussion**

Mike Upton introduced Justin, the insurance adjuster, to explain the details about Sims House. Justin explained that having volunteers would help the cost of rebuilding Sims House. Without volunteers, it would be much more costly to rebuild. Frank Spencer suggested that having volunteers working with our contractor to help rebuild Sims House would be a good choice. Frank Spencer also suggested that the Board wait until April or May to make a financial decision for Sims would be the best choice. No votes were made toward Sims House at this time. Mike Upton agreed to get more financial information from agents on Sims House. Justin also expressed that coverage for the Sims House was not sufficiently insured for complete demolition and then rebuilding the same building capacity.

**Newsletters**

Frank Spencer told the board that the newsletters were very important, and but Stewpot need a better source of Printers. Amy Brooks suggest that the solution to the problem would be the usage of Service Printers. Staff will check. Donna Orkin suggested the idea for bulletin posting in churches. Ton Rietvelt suggested considering sending by email. Rhonda Tomlin went through the income total of newsletters from 2015.

**Financial Report**

There were no employee raises included in the 2016 budget. Frank Spencer stated that there was included a cut on hourly workers time since many are now permanent. The 2016 budget was completed without Sim's House funding and will be reconsidered later in the year. All board members approved budget unanimously


**Meeting Date**

The next Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 11, 2016.

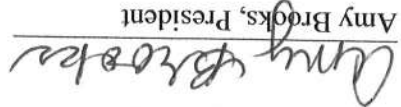
**General Information of Board Membership**  
There are 6 board positions open. Only 5 nominations are needed by next Monday (January 25, 2016) via email to Amy Brooks.

**Red Beans & Rice**

The Board discussed how there may need to be a name change of Red Beans & Rice. Mike Upton gave an update on BankPlus's position of sponsorship. Their Event will be held May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

  
Alicia Abram, Recorder

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Amy Brooks, President