

Stewpot Community Services, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
October 21, 2015

Call to Order

A meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by Amy Brooks at 12:15 pm.

Members Present

Amy Brooks, Glen Breedlove, Steve Browning, Donna Orkin, Sheldon Alston, Rev. James Donald, Ton Rietvelt

Staff Present

Frank Spencer, Rhonda Tomlin, Mona Dunham, Michelle Bingham, Mary Thompson, Regina Nichols

Prayer

Rev. James Donald offered the opening prayer.

Minutes

The board approved the minutes unanimously.

Financial Report

Frank Spencer talked about the financial report and discussed with the Board that at the end of September we are at 75%. The City is still expected to do their pledge and the County has already made theirs. Frank Spencer also explained to the Board how the utility/waste expense has gone up and much of that has to do with the new kitchen. Donna Orkin asked for suggestions on how we can get that expense to go down. Frank Spencer explained that we currently have the cheapest rates we can get and has attempted to reduce the cost of waste with recycling.

General Information about Stewpot

Amy Brooks asked the Board for suggestions on how to set up the Search Committee. The Board unanimously approved a motion for Sheldon Alston to head the Search committee for a new Director. Sheldon Alston explained that the Churches and Temple needed to have a voice in the committee. Sheldon Alston asked Frank Spencer if could involve some of his special friends in on this. Donna Orkin asked if there are any organizations that work with non-profits on assisting with this matter. Amy Brooks asked Sheldon Alston to research that. Frank Spencer told the Board that he would like to remain out of the committee.

Shelter

The meeting was held at one of our Women and children shelters, Flowers House. Frank Spencer introduced Mary Thompson who is the Director over all of Stewpot Shelters for Women. Mary Thompson shared with the Board that Flowers Shelter was long term and housed only women and children. Mary Thompson introduced the Director, Regina Nichols to the Board. Regina Nichols explained how the shelter was run and some of the many programs the ladies are required to do while residing there. Regina Nichols also shared with the Board that the residents had to be 21 and older and work towards permanent housing and money management. The women must also maintain employment and the children must also be placed in daycare or school. Frank Spencer told the Board that he has directed Heather Ivery to apply Matts House to the H.U.D. program for permanent housing and possible shelter for families.

Red Beans and Rice

Frank Spencer told the Board of a possible cancelation of the event. Michelle Bingham explained to the Board that there are not enough people willing to be involved in cooking teams this year. Michelle Bingham told the Board that the committee for this event has been doing a great job and are going to try and think of another location to hold the event. Frank Spencer shared that Mike Upton would be meeting with Bankplus on Monday. There is a possibility on having them sponsor the event next year. The Board discussed on how to draw in the younger crowd and changing the venue. The Board has decided to first find a new location. The Board voted and has decided that this years Red Bean and Rice event be canceled.

Marty Missing

Frank Spencer shared that one of Stewpot's volunteers for many years has went missing. Everyone was updated on his mental condition and his different behavior right before he left. Frank Spencer told the Board that he has filed a missing person report and also that Don London has went on television and shared with the public. Amy Brooks asked that everyone pray his safety and return.

Update on the tree

Frank Spencer discussed with the Board that he is still searching on a competitive bid.

Old/New Business

Steve Browning reviewed Mike Upton's email regarding how he is advertising Stewpots name on Facebook and telling about all of our ministries. Mike Upton has asked for everyone to "like" the page and the comments made. Amy Brooks explained that the more "likes" that it receives then the more times the advertisement will be visible to everyone. The next meeting will be on November 18, 2015.

Mona Dunham, Recorder



Amy Brooks, President