

Stewpot Community Services, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
September 17, 2015

Call to Order

A meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by Chair Amy Brooks at 12:03 PM.

Members Present

Amy Brooks, Glen Breedlove, Steve Browning, Donna Orkin, Jane Anna Barksdale, Sister Trinita Eddington, Mike Upton

Staff Present

Frank Spencer, Rhonda Tomlin, Mona Dunham, Yolanda Kirkland

Prayer

Donna Orkin offered the opening prayer.

Minutes

The board approved the minutes unanimously with a motion approved to ask Sheldon Alston to head the Search committee.

New Employee

Frank Spencer introduced a new staff member Mona Dunham to the Board.

Stewpot Youth Program Introduction

Frank Spencer introduced Yolanda Kirkland to the Board members. Yolanda is in charge of Stewpots Youth Program which consist of Middle and High school students. She discussed with the Board all of the programs and activities that the students are involved in such as promises, dress for success, college prep, volunteering and many other activities. Jane Anna Barksdale suggested that we speak to St. James and discuss ideas that we can do with the students. Yolanda shared with the Board that in the past seven years all of her students have graduated and there has been no teen pregnancy. The Board thanked Yolanda for doing such a great job with the kids.

Financial Report

Frank Spencer talked about the financial report and discussed with the Board that we were 67% through 2015 and related the results of the finances at the end of August. Rhonda Tomlin explained the special assistance fund that consists of bus passes, birth certificates, and prescriptions. Rhonda also explained the reserve funds for the end of august. Frank Spencer shared that Stewpot has received a donation of \$100,000.00 from Ergon. Kathy Stone is the head of donations for the company and he suggested if anyone sees her be sure to mention it and our gratitude. Steve Browning asked if the Capital fund could be used for the pantry. The reply was yes.

General Information about Stewpot

Frank Spencer informed the board that the tree over by the new kitchen was estimated to cost \$7,000.00 for cutting it down and grinding the stump. Donna Orkin asked to come up with more ways to save costs on that amount. Jane Anna Barksdale stated that someone that has worked with her family might be able to help and would give the info to Frank.

Shelter

Frank Spencer mentioned a possible closing next year of Matt's House due to funding. The Board discussed on how to approach the matter of finances and get the right PR. Donna Orkin suggested invite the City Council and County Supervisors to tour all of Stewpots Facility and offers a meal. Frank Spencer asked the Board to create a committee to head the PR. Mike Upton and Steve Browning offered to work with the marketing.

Red Beans and Rice

Frank Spencer asked the Board for any suggestions on sponsors and cooking teams for the event. The event is scheduled for Saturday, November 7, 2015.

Trustmark

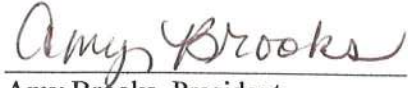
Frank Spencer reported that Trustmark was no longer going to support Red Beans and Rice.

Old/New Business

Amy Brooks told the Board that the meeting on 10/27 was the wrong date and that the meeting is scheduled on 10/21/2015.



Mona Dunham, Recorder



Amy Brooks, President