

Faith Community Committee Meeting

MINUTES

November 21, 2017

In Attendance

Anna Jacobsen, City of Pasadena; Anne Lansing, City of Pasadena; Colton Curry, Grace Pasadena Church; Dan Davidson, Rose City Church; Gene Terpstra, Pasadena Presbyterian Church; Jill Shook, IMA, Family Promise; Jhoana Hirasuna, Salvation Army; Kerwin Manning, Clergy Comm. Coalition; Laura White, Pasadena Church; Mary Green, Pasadena Church; Monica Ochoa, Friends In Deed; Martha Solorio, St. Andrews; Rosalie Niemann, First United Methodist Church Pasadena; Than Veltman, Lake Avenue Church.

Introductions / Approval of Minutes

Members of the committee introduced themselves. Minutes from the October Faith Community meeting were read and approved. Motion to approve minutes was made by Than Veltman and second by Anne Lansing.

Review of FCC Mission Purpose

Presenter: Dan Davidson

- Mission statement was reviewed in order to remind us what the mission of the FCC is and keep us on track
- The FCC remains committed to learn about and support evidence-based and best practices to prevent and end homelessness in Pasadena
- FCC is a subcommittee of the Homeless Committee which is a committee of the COC
- Meeting monthly to align with what the City of Pasadena is doing to end homelessness
- The role of the faith based communities is to help be part of the solution to end homelessness
- FCC to set the example of religious organizations working with civic government, a model that can and should be used in other cities
- Mission statement is posted on Pasadena Partnership website and will be added to the Tool Kit
- We want to recruit other faith based organizations to join our committee, all new members are welcome

Action Items:

Connect First United Methodist Church and Christian Science with Play House District and Union Station

Person Responsible

Sofia Herrera

Stories of Success

Presenter: Dan Davidson

- Anne shared the story of a women who lost her house about five years ago due to foreclosure. She connected with a local church and Jackie Robinson Center. A unit in Pasadena was found for her, but she felt unsafe and left the unit after less than a year. She then went to live at Union Station's shelter. A second unit was found for her. Unfortunately, due to her disabilities, she left the unit after 1.5 years. She has now found a third unit and continues to receive supportive services to help her remain in her unit.
- Anne shared the story about a woman homeless in the park. She refuses to leave the park, but the street outreach team has connected with her for about a year now. Outreach team will offer to transport to Union Station's Thanksgiving dinner in the park, but if she refuses to go, an outreach team member will take a meal to her.
- Pastor... shared the story of Kathryn who walked from the Alhambra jail to Pasadena Church on October 27th (a Friday). She was fed that night and church members pooled their funds together and paid for a motel for the weekend. She was connected with CES and has completed the VISPDAT. At the moment she is being housed in a rented, but not yet occupied unit. Church members continue to provide her support and accompany her to her appointments.
- FCC members provided many suggestions to Pasadena Church to help Kathryn navigate services.
- The Women's Room
- Jill shared she is working with The Quaker Room to help Laventine, a homeless youth. He was taken to Youth Moving on and will continue to assist him in navigating services.

Action Items:	Person Responsible
Sub-Committee Updates	Dan Davidson
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colten shared via e-mail that he continues to network and share the toolkit with other faith communities/churches Colten requested assistance in connecting with Jean Birch and Lucius Smith 	
Action Items:	Person Responsible
Connect with Jean Birch and Lucius Smith	Pastor Kerwin Manning

Homeless Prevention Focus	Than Veltman
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Homeless Prevention Sub Committee: identify homeless prevention resources, research other resources available for homeless prevention, and generating ideas on how faith based organizations can connect with group C Than shared that the Homeless Prevention Subcommittee has a meeting and connected with Monica from Friends In Deed Than and his subcommittee will continue to work on connecting with other faith base Subcommittee will continue to meet and come up with idea for homeless prevention Lake Avenue Church spent 90k last year on homeless prevention services 	
Action Items:	Person Responsible
Reach out to Paz Naz to join the FCC Homeless Prevention Sub Committee	Sofia Herrera & Than Veltman

FCC Member Follow up	Presenter: Dan Davidson
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dan requested support from FCC in helping re-connect with Door or Hope. Rosalie will assist with this task Anne will continue to reach out to Michael Watkins Family Promise from San Gabriel-Rosalie will also reach out to him All Saints Church-Sofia has connected with Julianna who is trying to find another representative to attend the FCC 	
Action Items:	Person Responsible
Follow up with members who have not attended FCC meeting lately	Dan Davidson

Homeless Count	Presenter: Sofia Herrera
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thus far 37 volunteers have registered to count Please register by January 8th in order to have sufficient time to form groups/teams The homeless count will be done on the evening of January 23rd from 8-10pm and the morning of January 24th from 6-8am Orientations will be on January 17 & 18 from 6:30-8:30pm at The Salvation Army Pasadena (must attend one of the orientations) Must commit to 2 hours of orientation and 4 hours of counting 	

- All information is on the web site
- Sofia also shared that the new Friends in Deed outreach team will be available starting January.

Action Items:	Person Responsible
Find volunteers for homeless count	All FCC members

Announcements & Other Items

- Habitat for Humanity-Manzanita: 2 new single-family homes being built.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 9:00 am