

November 29, 2018
Minutes-A Cup of Cold Water
4:30p Linda and John Decker's lanai

present:

Paula Baldwin, President
Rev. Linda Decker, Director, Recording Secretary, In-Reach
John Decker, Director
Leah Sarne, Director, Treasurer
Mary Lou Mellinger, Director, Corresponding Secretary
Joan Vila, Director, New Volunteer Contact

unable to attend::

Rev. Amy Crowe, Maui Clergy Rep
Chuck Spence, Director, Information Officer
Kit Hart, Director, Run Minder and Stats

John Patrick Murphy was present as director nominee.

Minutes of October 4, 2018 were approved.

Treasurer's Report— Balance on Oct. 31: \$85,653.25. Grants and donations from Episcopal churches (*including fundraising?*) are down, but individual donations are ahead of budget; It was noted that swings must be expected, and that cash-on-hand to operate for six months is “best practice” for non-profits. Expenses are as budgeted. Need to clarify in budget & annual report that “van replacement fund” is board-restricted. “Dues” includes subscription to “Daily Bread”, etc.

President's Report—Paula

Paula has met with Maui High School teacher Clint Gima who supervises the Digital Media program, who are eager to make Video for us. They want clarification on our purpose and concerns.

Our recommendations for video:

- short
- show clients as people
- tell their stories, struggles, hopes
- effect of being treated with dignity: major shift in attitude, confidence
- focus on Lahaina run

Our goals:

- increase sympathy for homeless ; dignify the homeless
- make van more welcome
- help battle our backyard poverty; faith-based outlet for concerns
- address perception that we are “enabling” homeless people
- not fundraising; info on how to help (pray/ volunteer/ storage/ what to donate)
- know about us, what we do
- build relationships

Issues: -how to photograph homeless; releases; script; safety of (teen) film-makers

Paula reported that **IRS Form 990**, the longer report which gives full information on ACCW, has been filed! Also, the form for exemption (as part of diocese) from Hawaii fundraising reporting has been filed, with help from “that angel” Peter Pereira.

Paula questioned whether van registration is up-to-date; she will check.

Annual Meeting: February 9, 9am Saturday, at Trinity. It was decided to serve breakfast. Directors have been nominated: John Patrick Murphy, George Brown;

Report to Diocesan Council: March 16. Election of directors and acceptance of the Budget will be “recommended” to Diocese. Our printed report must be available; 2017 report will be used as template. Linda will help prepare.

Stats and Supply Room-

There was discussion of purchasing; we will need a new on-line shopper. It was suggested that Costco, which makes local grants, be approached about donating or discounting specific items.

New volunteer report and event planner-

Paula announced that Joan Vila will undertake this.

Thank-you party for Volunteers has been scheduled for August 17, Saturday at 4 pm at Trinity-by-the-Sea.

In-reach:

Linda: intends usual balance of Christian with more broadly “spiritual” meditations. Welcomes suggestions and comments.

Valentine Outreach: Rather than making gifts or special meals at Christmas, duplicating the efforts of others, ACCW will make Valentine gifts to the residents of the shelter (Ka Hale A Ke Ola) in Lahaina. Marcia has prepared red tote bags. Children’s clothes are on hand; small kitchen utensils will be useful to families setting up house.

Old business

Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster -Mary Lou recommended, after several months of study, that despite our desire to be useful in crises, we should not take on being a “Partner”. Rather we should focus on our responsibility to our clients and commitment to regular runs, and be aware of the limitations of our volunteers (time and other commitments, management and coordination, strength to empty and restock van, etc.). The homeless are probably the most vulnerable in disasters, we know them, and we can be most effective in directly helping them.

It was VOTED that ACCW will stay focused on our primary mission.

Thanks were offered to Mary Lou for her study and clarification of the issues for us.

Next meeting date-Thursday, January 24, at Deckers’. Annual Meeting: Feb. 9, 9am at Trinity.

Adjourned at 6:05 with prayer by John Patrick Murphy.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Decker, Recording Secretary