

Feb. 20, 2020

Carmichael HART General Meeting - Minutes

VOTE Mar. 3; carefully read material for the candidates for supervisor of your district to ensure their vision supports homeless initiatives like HART and also more county services for our homeless population.

Navigator Update:

- Heather is at Winter Shelter every Tues. night. She has developed 21 clients from Winter Shelter and she has been able to find housing for some.
- Sacramento Sheriff will host their Homeless Outreach Partnership Event (H.O.P.E) on Mar 28, 9am – 1pm at Carmichael Pres. Church
- This is its 3rd year, and will make services available: housing, clothes, DMV, food stamps, mental health resources, etc.
- Sheriff will pick up & return clients to this event

Sacramento Self-Help Housing/ HARTs

- 9 official HARTs, S. & N. Sac, Midtown are latest. They are working on their 501(c)(3) status;
- Scott met with Orangevale pastors to talk about a creating a HART in their area. Possibly combining Fair Oaks and Orangevale.
- 5 Winter Shelters going on now.
 - Elk Grove, Citrus Heights, & Carmichael will end Feb 29th.
 - Rancho Cordova and Folsom will go until Mar. 7
- N. Sac also has parking lot for homeless people that ends Feb 29th.

Youth:

- Student Buddy program in SJUSD: identified homeless kids are matched with trained mentor; have lunch at school weekly;
 - 3 active mentors, 4 in the pipeline;
 - Planning a BBQ for families in early summer, maybe get Kings' tickets later in the year; working on 2 -3 outings for kids & families each year
- An outreach to homeless students at Amer River College is in the works. We have been told to start the process by contacting Student Services
- Youth Committee next meeting is Mar. 9, 6:30 pm, at The Cove
- Some colleges/JCs have showers & laundry services that they allow homeless youth to use and Food Pantries are at some;
- They still need donations; Eric will put out specific list of donations needed
- Folsom HART is interested in Student Buddy program and requested the use of our training videos and materials, which we agreed to share.

Transitional Housing program:

- Planning for mentors for those living in HART houses. This is where volunteers can help. See Scott and Keith about this.
- Charlotte house has been full for last several months;
 - \$1 a year lease
 - now houses 4 previously homeless women.
 - 3 of original 4 have moved on (one was pregnant and our program wouldn't work for her for long, so her case manager found a 12-18 month program with job training for her; one became a house leader at another transitional house and is receiving a stipend to do this; one exited from the program because she wouldn't

follow house or program rules.) Generally speaking, if a program has a 50% success rate, that's considered good and our success rate so far is better than that!

- Amazon Wish List is a new procedure on HART website that will be starting. If anyone wants to sign up to buy TP, cleaning supplies, etc., they can order directly on Amazon.
- CPC house (Robertson House) for men:
 - lease contract was signed Feb 3, again for \$1 a year
 - contractor did a walk-through to see what was needed. Roof and HVAC are some of the major needs;
 - CPC is contributing \$10,000,
 - HART is applying for a grant from Wells Fargo for \$30,000.
 - We will need 300 volunteer hours; some will come from Wells Fargo employees and others to work on outside of house.

Winter Sanctuary Update:

- It's going great; Nearly full each night!
- 103 different homeless people in first 8 wks;
 - 28 were 1-nighters
 - 5 guests have been counselled not to come back.
 - We have about 4 college-age guests
 - 20 of our guests have been coming almost every night.
- CPC is inviting other churches to come see the program Tues, Wed, Thurs next week. Come for dinner & to visit with guests, 6:30-8:30 pm
- RT has been shuttling guests Mon-Fri nights. Still working out details and hope to continue. Next year, we might be able to also expand to morning pick up if churches will allow guests to stay until 7 am (now guests leave each church at 6 am)
- Sydney & Carol are at intake most nights.
- Debriefing: Mar 9, at Christ Community Church, 6 pm

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner for all Carmichael HART volunteers, March 14, 6-8 pm, at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 4125 San Juan Ave, Fair Oaks.