

HOTH November Board Meeting
11-4-24

Attendance: Joel Hawkins, Beth Wheeler, Christy Schuette, Bill Barman

Minutes from last meeting- Bill Barman made motion to approve minutes, Beth seconded. Motion carried.

Discussed the Women's Fund grant that we received. We do not get a \$100,000 check. Joel is going to discuss with them the process for getting the funds.

We got a commitment from another donor for \$15,000.

Went over financials.

Discussed Crystal's visit itinerary.

Discussed November 22 event. No entries to the design a house contest, so the plan is to have things there that night that someone can draw a design there. Santa is coming. Silent auction items are due November 7 to HOTH so we can get pictures and put them online. We discussed a few other places to ask about donations. Joel is talking to some volunteers to do this.

Joel gave us a Housing Application to look over to be used for the emergency and temporary housing programs and eventually the housing community. He asked us to look over it and give suggestions.

Our emergency housing resident, Heather, is currently doing all of the things we lined out that she had to do so she is in good standing as of now.

We will hopefully be adding two more guest house apartments at the first of the year and possible 2 more in the summer.

Joel also gave us a white paper addressing the need for affordable housing to give to potential donors and government officials for us to review as well.

Discussed future direction for grocery store program and options for expanding food program, commercial kitchen, freeze drying equipment, and commercial licenses.

Next week is our big week with the Thanksgiving box set up and packing on Thursday, delivery on Saturday, Crystal's visit Thursday-Saturday, and dinner at the Schuette's on Friday night. Please try to attend as many events as possible. We are in the middle of our food drive and the following week is our event at the Capital. We have a lot going on the couple of weeks and need as much board support/help as possible. We are all hands on-deck.

Next Board meeting will be December 2 at 6:00pm at Joel's house. Spouses are invited. Please let Joel know if you will be attending.

HOTH Board Meeting
12/2/24

Attendance: Joel Hawkins, Christy Schuette, Daniel Soehren, Beth Wheeler, Bill Barman, Earl Bowling

Beth shared about the fundraiser at the Capital. We raised around \$1200 on the silent auction. There were around 75-85 people in attendance. VIP magazine and WNKY both came so it gave us some good exposure. The Capital only cost \$100 to rent so we made some money on the event.

Meeting minutes from last month were approved.

New Business:

Joel and Beth reviewed the 2025 Budget. Beth explained to us about the Realtor Association yearly fundraiser that she has been talking to them about making us the beneficiary every year. Right now they give the food to the school system and the school system gives the food to us. Beth explained to them that the schools are not giving out boxes of food, but we are serving their families. They have a food drive but also get money from sponsors that they would give us and we could use at Meijer to get triple the amount. In addition to the money we receive, this is a very good networking opportunity because it is a very large association with lots of members who are active in the community. It would be extremely good to have these connections especially in the housing program side.

Also discussed a Food Director position. This is something we need to hire as soon as it is feasible.

Joel and Beth will be talking to Crystal this week to firm up our agreement with her and discuss our expectations with her.

Joel told us that Heather will be moving out of her apartment January 1. She has decided to pursue a different arrangement. As of February 1 we will have a unit available and the manager may have another one available as well. Beth also may know of another unit coming available so that would give us 3 units. We will open up applications Dec. 16 with the goal to have someone in the units by Feb. 1.

We have also purchased our first camper that is being renovated now and should be ready soon for our first emergency housing unit.

