

Faith - Based Advisory Committee

Minutes of June 7, 2016

Present: James Lafolette, Terry Cummings, Jeff Snell and Rod Hardin. Dan Maxwell was absent. No Staff members were in attendance; public members were Becky Correa and Dean Hackett.

New Business:

Jeff Snell led the group in opening prayer

Minutes: A motion was entertained to accept the minutes of the May meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting: James made sure that members could be present on July 5, 2016.

National Day of Prayer Feedback: Rod said the service was organized well and was a very good service with lots of participation but he was disappointed in the attendance.

Blue Ribbon Week Feedback: Terry Cummings shared that between 1500 and 1600 ribbons were handed out in the community and that seven different businesses and served as pick up locations plus area churches handed them out. This “small thing” means a lot to our law enforcement personnel.

USA Mental Health First Aid training: John Jefferies had given information to James about a one day training event designed for anyone (hopefully pastors) to receive training on how to recognize signs and symptoms of mental illness. The training will be June 24th from 8am to 5pm at Grace & Mercy Lutheran Church and is free but registration is required.

Made To Thrive: James has spoken with Kriss Dammeyer, director of MTT, about this program that targets at-risk children. This 501 (c)(3) organization is volunteer based and serves children in Umatilla and Morrow Counties. The conversation with Kriss was to see if she had interest in helping with Family Promise and possibly even being the director. Becky Correa (guest) is also interested in helping wherever she can and shared some of her experiences in working with children.

Election: A motion was made to elect Dean Hackett to the board; motion passed unanimously. James noted that he must send an email to City Manager Smith to obtain City Council approval for the addition of Terry Cummings and Dean Hackett to the board.

Old Business:

Family Promise: James has talked with the national office for FP and has received updated training material. He gave this and other FP material to Kriss Dammeyer to look over as she makes a decision about helping with this project.

Unscheduled Communication:

None.

Dean Hackett closed in prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.

In Lilly's absence, Terry Cummings, secretary pro tem.

Present were Pastors James Lafolette, Dean Hackett, and Jeff Snell. Terry Cummings, Rod Hardin, and Daniel Maxwell were absent. Also present was Kris Dammeyer and Lilly Alarcon-Strong.

James opened the meeting at 5:00 pm.

New Business

Made to Thrive- Kris Dammeyer-James stated the committee has been discussing whether Family Promise will be too much of a task for the committee to undertake alone. The Committee has asked Kris if she is interested in becoming the director of Family Promise and run the program in conjunction with her organization, Made to Thrive.

Kris stated she is interested in helping Family Promise as she started Made to Thrive in 2013 to help at-risk children. Kris stated she feels both programs would work well together and it would be a good program for her to participate in as she already has the same client base that would be needed for Family Promise. Family Promise would not have to start from the ground up as there are more than 170 children that her program currently serves, and that the families trust.

The committee stated they feel Made to Thrive would also work well with Family Promise. But because there is not a quorum, they cannot move forward.

Dean suggested that two committee members be involved in the Made to Thrive Board and have Family Promise work under Made to Thrive.

Kris stated she believes this would also be a good idea.

Dean stated the information would need to be voted on by the Committee and be presented to the council on August 8th for approval.

The Committee agreed to have a special meeting to discuss and possibly approve this action at 11:30am on Wednesday, July 27th in the conference room at First Christian Church located at 775 W Highland Ave, Hermiston.

July 27th Pastors Meeting- Wednesday, July 27th at 11:30am in the conference room at First Christian Church located at 775 W Highland Ave, Hermiston.

ConneXions at GSHCS- James stated Good Shepard Hospital has received an award for this program. More information about ConneXions can be obtained from Julie Gregory at GSH.

August 2nd National Night Out- James stated National Night Out is Tuesday, August 2nd. Neighbors are encouraged to meet each other and have block parties. The City Council, Police and Fire Departments are also involved and visit these block parties.

There was no other business and Dean adjourned the meeting with prayer at 5:24pm.