

**Ecumenical Ministries of Perinton, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**September 10, 2018 @ Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

**MINUTES**

Present: Directors S. Amrine, R. Buchanan, J. Burgeson, G. Havens, N. Hutchings, P. May, C. Meighan, B. Orsini, L. Rixner, B. Smith, D. Wideman  
K. Cooman, Secretary

Ministry representatives: JM from PMUNY; P. Renfro, M. Reed and M. Camp from STS ROC; M. Stevens from Perinton Congregations for Habitat.

Absent: R. Hill, W. Knapp

President B. Orsini called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

P. May moved, seconded by J. Burgeson, that the minutes of the June 2018 meeting of the Board be approved. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

There was clarification to the ministries that the board desires financial reports quarterly, and that the fiscal year (and hence the budgeting period) is July 1 to June 30. Treasurer G. Havens reminded the ministries that a budget is a planning tool, not a strait jacket on how monies are to be spent.

**REPORTS**

**STS-ROC**

The representatives from STS-ROC advised that the summer concert at the Perinton Community Center was a great success, with an estimated 600-800 attendees. The concert raised \$4400, of which \$2000 was sent to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, which has an active Rochester chapter. Security was arranged, and counselors and therapists were in attendance.

Representatives of STS-ROC have been present at two resource fairs (at Constellation Brands and Villa of Hope), where the organization was able to increase its visibility to employees.

**PMUNY**

JM reported on the continuing need for volunteers. She has also had speaking engagements at several churches and church committees, with the ministry well received. J. Burgeson and G. Havens will be participating at an upcoming HOOT at a prison. G. Havens will

also be meeting with PMUNY Treasurer BC on methods for financial reporting. Because of security concerns, full names of PMUNY representatives will no longer appear in EMP minutes and reports, and only in password protected rosters.

JM has information on what the EMP board desires to have in order to evaluate a request for financial support.

A discussion ensued among board members concerning the derivation and the use of the funds currently tagged as designated for “new ministries.” Some directors noted that when these funds became available (left over from prior years of Community Vacation Bible School), they were intended to be used for start-up costs or seed money for “brand new” ministries. Other directors believe the money should not just be held year after year, and that it may be appropriately deployed for encouragement or expansion of EMP’s existing ministries, but not for ordinary operational expenses. [In online discussions about this issue subsequent to the meeting, K. Cooman advised that from a legal perspective, the current board is free to use the funds as it deems appropriate, and can establish new parameters for their use, irrespective of the original intention and designation of the funds.]

#### Perinton Congregations for Habitat

Mark Stevens has assumed responsibility as chair from Mike Seaman. Current plans call for a new house build in the summer of 2020, with fundraising taking place between now and then. One challenge to be dealt with is improving the sign up and coordination of volunteers for the building project.

#### Fairport Good Neighbor Fund

There was a general discussion of the methodology used to screen and distribute awards. Monies are disbursed directly to vendors, not the needy person. Some concern was expressed for Frank De Chalais’ safety in his role as screener/disburser, after initial screening by pastors making referrals.

It was noted the Perinton Pastoral Association has some overlap with, but is not synonymous with the EMP member churches.

#### Treasurer’s Report

G. Havens had prepared and distributed his EMP financial report in advance. The request to the member churches this year is \$250 each, or such as each is able and willing to give.

D. Wideman moved, seconded by J. Burgeson, to accept the EMP financial report. Similarly, D. Wideman moved, seconded by J. Burgeson, to accept the proposed EMP budget, which will include the \$250 annual request to the churches. APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m. and concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin S. Cooman, Secretary

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