

**Ecumenical Ministries of Perinton, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting – March 6, 2017**

MINUTES

Present: Directors S. Amrine, J. Burgeson, K. Cooman, G. Havens, R. Hill, B. Orsini,
B. Smith, D. Wideman
Joyce, President of Prison Ministries of New York

Absent: Directors R. Allen, P. May, L. VanDerveer, B. Swarthout

J. Burgeson called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

R. Hill moved, seconded by D. Wideman, that the minutes of the December 2016 meeting of the Board be approved. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

REPORTS

Good Neighbor Fund

The Good Neighbor Fund Report had been distributed in advance. No questions were raised. J. Burgeson noted the new application form being used. L. Vanderveer as board liaison keeps everyone informed on a periodic basis of the status of the Fund.

EMP Financial Report

G. Havens distributed the EMP financial report was distributed, with explanations provided. Only eight of the member churches have contributed so far this year, and board members were asked to follow up to solicit annual contributions to the extent possible. Board members discussed whether a second formal solicitation was needed, but the consensus was that this is not necessary. Instead, each board member will follow up with his or her own church if there has not been a contribution. The annual letter request for member church support will be sent out in September 2017. R. Hill moved, seconded by K. Cooman, that the EMP financial report be accepted. UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

Habitat for Humanity

R. Hill reported a probable June start for building a Habitat for Humanity home by the Perinton church groups. The basement will be constructed as a donation. Interested churches will get notice about the opportunity to volunteer. The home is located in the Josanna neighborhood. (Jay street area).

Construction of a home by the Perinton churches group occurs every three years. Four churches provide most of the funding. Building volunteers must be 16 years of age in order to work. The family receiving the home must put in 400 hours of sweat equity to the project. Habitat follows up to see how the new residents are doing. R. Hill will include non-steering committee member churches in the information about the building project opportunity.

R. Hill encourage attendance at the dedication ceremony for the house.

B. Smith, our new board member from South Perinton Methodist Church, noted the modest size of their church's congregation (30 or so on Sunday; 90 for Christmas Eve) and the age of the male attenders as imposing constraints on their ability to contribute manpower.

Prison Ministry of Upstate NY

Joyce M. had distributed in advance her written report for PMUNY. She supplemented her report, and distributed a financial report. Board members were invited to come to prison for a REC at Wende, a maximum security facility in Alden, on June 3 for an event. This will involve a Noon arrival, security check, and peace talk. Participants will be able to hear the testimonies of the men. An approved application is needed to be able to attend, and this needs to be submitted by March 30. Joyce will be leading the team to Wende. Every facility needs a new application. K. Cooman will circulate the fillable PDF application form to the Board for those who want to participate. PMUNY is considering a web-based fundraising portal. Board members were able to put the brochure pockets at their churches.

R. Buchanan moved, seconded by D. Wideman, that the PMUNY financial report be accepted. UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

OTHER BUSINESS

Our web designer, Darren, will give a free update involving an hour of time. The Communications Committee was asked to check on who owns the website and its hosting, in order to maintain long term ownership and control.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 8:45 p.m, with the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin S. Cooman, Secretary