

PEM BOARD NOTES FROM VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR ~ December 2017

We conducted a Hands-On training class as well as a Death and Dying class for our new volunteers. Both were well attended by new volunteers as well as some of our long timers who wanted a refresher. We are planning an In-Service training for all volunteers in January. This will again be a pot-luck gathering with training intertwined.

I spoke to the Senior Group at Assumption Church on November 8th about Advent House and Sweet Charity. I then spoke to the Women's Group at Guardian Angels Church in Henrietta on November 9th covering the same topics.

The Harley Students have not started volunteering here yet. Due to their teacher leaving his post November 1st things got delayed for them but I have been in contact with the interim teacher and we hope to schedule an orientation for the students this month.

Glenda and I met with Jim Taylor from Whitney Town Center many, many times over the past several months to plan and design the Sweet Charity space. We researched other venues similar to our vision and finally decided on a concept that would show case our items and bring shoppers in. The space is perfect for us and our first few days being open have been a huge success.

I won't go into all the details that went into getting Sweet Charity up and going. For those that were able to attend the opening reception, I think the shop speaks for itself! Many hours of planning, designing (and re-designing), organizing and setting up – but all worth it!

We held an informational meeting at Fairport United Methodist Church in October for current and new volunteers interested in volunteering at Sweet Charity. Interest has been great and we have a large number of volunteers signed on.

While I have been extremely involved with all aspects of Sweet Charity, and plan on staying involved, I expect my time over there to be less and less as our managers and volunteers get acclimated. I will be going over there once or twice a week to keep things in check and collect the receipts for deposit and be available to help them in any way to ensure Sweet Charity is the success we expect it to be.

I am so grateful for the unwavering support of our PEM Board though out this endeavor!

Respectfully submitted,

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