

Steering Committee Minutes  
Perinton Congregations for Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity  
A Ministry of Ecumenical Ministries of Perinton, Inc. (EMP)  
March 13, 2023, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

**Church Attendance:** **Bethlehem Lutheran Church:** Mike Joyce; **Church of the Assumption:** Charlie Szilagy; **Church of the Resurrection:** Dan Killoran (Treasurer); **Fairport United Methodist Church:** Carlee Brown, Rick Hill (Co-Secretaries); **First Congregational Church:** Dave Conrad; **Mountain Rise UCC:** Bill Holliday; **Perinton Presbyterian Church:** Mark Stevens (Chair); **St. John of Rochester Church:** George Orosz, Jay Saylor; **Member-at-large:** Chris Hirschler  
**Regrets:** Ed Daniel

**The meeting was called to order** by Mark.

**New faith-based coalition:**

Mark reported that on January 17 the six faith-based coalitions in Monroe County (Perinton, Penfield, Greece, Brighton, Harvest Home, Habitat Interfaith Partnership) approved the formation of a joint coalition with the mission of financing and building a home each year.

Their first meeting was held on February 20, at which time they agreed to name the group Greater Rochester Interfaith Builders (GRIB) and elected officers. Mark and Tom Gillett of Harvest Home will serve as co-chairs for the first year. Matt O'Connor (Brighton) will act as Treasurer. The positions for Secretary and Volunteer Coordinator remain open. Each group will have a primary rep and an alternate. Their organizational structure will be similar to that of the Women Build group. There is a possibility of joint fundraisers.

Each group will contribute the funds they have available at the time of construction, and Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity will find a co-sponsor(s) if GRIB can't raise the full \$100,000. The cost will not be split evenly among the six groups, but each one will have an equal voice. Three of the groups are currently completing builds. GRIB will build in 2023 with the tentative groundbreaking in August/September (update from Ethel on 3/15: expected start date is end of May). The online registration process will remain the same as for the last house.

It was moved and seconded to authorize Mark to commit \$25,000 toward the cost for building a house this year. The motion was approved unanimously. We are open to increasing the amount if necessary. Our expected annual contribution is \$20,000-\$22,000.

Expected annual commitments:

Fairport United Methodist	\$5,000
First Congregational	\$1,000
Mountain Rise	\$1,500
St. John	\$4,200
Assumption	\$3,350
Bethlehem Lutheran	\$1,500
Perinton Presbyterian	\$1,500
Resurrection	0
Employer matches	<u>\$1,500</u>
	\$19,950

**Treasurer's report:**

Sent in separate email by Dan. Current bank balance is \$66,000.

**Name change:**

Rick has filed a name change from Perinton Congregations for **Flower City** Habitat for Humanity to Perinton Congregations for **Greater Rochester** Habitat for Humanity with the New York Department of State. Upon approval, Charlie will make the necessary website changes.

**Next meeting:** Date TBD. Mark will be asking for someone to volunteer as the alternate on the GRIB committee. Meetings are held monthly via Zoom on the third Wednesday of the month.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carlee Brown*

Carlee Brown, Co-secretary

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