

Steering Committee Minutes
Perinton Congregations for Flower City Habitat for Humanity
A Ministry of Ecumenical Ministries of Perinton, Inc. (EMP)
January 9, 2023, 7:00 p.m. at Fairport United Methodist Church and via Zoom

Church Attendance: **Bethlehem Lutheran Church:** Mike Joyce; **Church of the Assumption:** Bill Lilly, Charlie Szilagyi; **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; **St. John of Rochester Church:**, George Orosz, Jay Saylor; **Member-at-large:** Chris Hirschler; **Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity:** Ethel Duble, Laurie Streber, Allison Hildebrandt
Regrets: Ed Daniel, Mark Stevens (Chair)

The meeting was called to order by Rick who served as chair in Mark's absence. We introduced ourselves and welcomed Dave Conrad who will represent First Congregational Church. Ethel Duble, Senior Vice President, Major Gifts & Planned Giving, introduced Laurie Streber, Director of Development & Marketing, and Allison Hildebrandt, Volunteer Engagement and Outreach Manager.

Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity proposal for faith groups: Ethel explained that in the past faith coalitions have been allowed to contribute \$65,000 toward the construction of a new house, rather than the \$100,000 required of other groups, with the additional \$35,000 contributed by other groups or individuals. However, due to the higher cost of materials and the use of unskilled labor, faith coalitions are now expected to raise \$100,000.

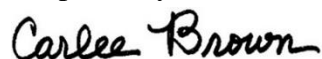
Ethel presented GRHFH's proposal (see attached) for faith-based coalitions. The six community-based faith groups in Monroe County will continue to raise funds in their own communities and pool the money to raise \$100,000 with the intent to build one house collectively every year. Each group would maintain its own identity and continue to raise funds and recruit volunteer builders within its community. We would still be able to reserve times for individual churches or groups from our community, but there would no longer be a direct connection between a particular house project and a specific coalition. An umbrella steering committee composed of representatives from each coalition will meet on January 17 to vote on the proposal. GRHFH will provide marketing support (send out the first letter to sell new concept, every two months a sheet that can be handed out to churches, and speakers if needed).

We voted unanimously to go forward with the new plan and to authorize Mark to commit \$20,000 toward the cost to build a house this year.

Ethel answered several questions regarding construction: half-day construction schedules have been eliminated due to efficiency, no longer doing vacant and abandoned houses, new builds will be in the city of Rochester for the near future.

Next meeting: TBD

Respectfully submitted,



Carlee Brown, Co-secretary

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Attachments: roster, GRHFH proposal