

Hope Coalition Meeting

December 6, 2023

Seventh Day Advent Church

Berlin

Attending- Dan Molind, Ty Roland, Pat Archambeault, Shawna Trader, Adam Jacobs, Jacqueline Blowe, Renee Gregory, Gary Nathan Woodall, Cathy Chartier, Josh Fortier, Gary Watson, Jon Kilian, Jody Paige, Kevin Paige

Opened at 6:15pm

Call to Order

Old Business

Case Updates Total Cases in Barre 1639
 167 Reviewed
 72 Completed
 51 Assessments
 19 Rebuilds
 30 Case transfers to other LTRGs in state

Met with Rick from Habitat for Humanity- may take 10 cases to review and assess. Rick may also take additional local cases. They also may want to take on a total house build in the spring. Maybe a 2nd person for assessments.

Cases passed to FEMA for Southern Vermont for transfer.

Santa Says Sorry- Dec 16th - 300 Flood Victims-for Dinner with a gifts for kids and adults- shop for each other and wrapped. Door prizes as well- gift cards and other gifts. Invites from the list. Time for flood impacted families 5-7:30pm
Open for the public in the basement floor 1-4pm face painting-live nativity- Santa- bouncing house-decorate cookies etc.

Barre Business Partnership with Hope Coalition- Posters for event - fliers- web site- business cards.

Capstone Community Action- State got a grant for Case Management- Capstone trying to hire- Hired Tim Brown-Southern Baptist Relief Disaster Relief Coordinator with be the Construction Manager- One Disaster Case Manager- - We are supposed to have 3 Case Managers- now time line mid to late January. Also talked with Capstone about sharing and information technology. We do have 3 laptops.

Still need to have hard line for internet access.

Catholic Charities- 10 K grant for direct support to flood victims- Still waiting for word-should be by 15 DEC.

VT Community Foundation- up to 50K sent back requests for more information.

This week received \$35,000.00 into a flood disaster fund to support the Hope Coalition.

Upcoming Teams.

Nick- First out of state contractor- Electrical Contractor- has been doing electrical work and estimates for FEMA. We are finding out the correct path as we are the first agency to utilize out-of-state contract workers who can be allowed to work in the state.

TY- Steve Spatz -State of VT has agreed to work with us to train for Efficiency VT rules so that our people will be trained and contractors can be paid in 2 weeks for work that is done. To tie the with GMP heat pumps generally require a second electrical panel to support a heat pump for the home. They have been receptive to using our volunteers to provide additional support to them to move the process along to get people with heat and electricity.

Mennonite Disaster Relief may come back once we have work organized. Also Team Rubicon has committed to days in January. Hyde Point Church confirmed days in January - church in NH with come back-had previously worked on Second Street.

New Business.

Next Meeting Monday January 8th at 6pm

After that date it will be the first Monday of every month

Next meeting - how are we going to reach out to local service organizations and churches to work and weekends and support their communities. UNMET NEEDS TABLE- Some of these meetings may be by Zoom.

Then after the UNMET Needs Table - Vt Disaster Recovery Funds- they will be the "P;ace of last resort- total amount of \$25,000.00 available. They have asked that we provide the priority assessment. UNMET and VDRF case all that is presented is the case number- base facts -scope of work- what they have-what they need-where they fall short.

Thermometers- number of houses completed- Metrics- this is what we have done- Have these distributed. Physical one to show what we are doing- what is the progress. This is how your funds are being used.

Web Development. A more sophisticated web-site. Josh- when I talked with Nathan- the backdrop- good backdrop but heavy degree- CMS- transfer- Ty said he might know someone he could connect with.

Thrift store- hearing request for shampoo-soap- all purpose cleaner- Ty said ask the pastor- about purchasing some. Rack for coats. Would be helpful. Easy for them to go through. Pat suggested bringing them on the 16th. And give them out to the flood victims. 2t-5t and 5-6 girls

and boys. Delivered bags directly to the most impacted area. This has been great outreach and encouraged people to come for mattresses.

Poor people's Campaign to abolish poverty- Rainbow Bridge - Dec 21st-430pm Longest Night Vigil-Candlelight March 2nd Rally -Time to Be Announced Fighting for Health Care-

Union for Homeless People- fight to change things -

Rick DeAngelis and lunch with Dan and was talking about setting up 4 additional shelters- no details. Dan talked about the "sleep out" on church lawns in the winter before followed by hot coffee breakfast.

Third Sunday of Every Month- Community Care Day Food Water Hygiene- Dept of Health- Herbal Meds- Tutoring for Children- Rainbow Stew- Barre Up Space-meal before Council- Child care and transportation.

Meeting to close meeting 705pm