

SHARE MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2022

Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Kellen Leister, Carol Mournighan, Don Frickel, Erica Shane, Randy Glantz, Nicki Watts, Molly Hockman, Soheyla Mahmoudi, Nancy Najarian, Laura Rees, Mimi Granados, Christiane Shipley, Martha Collins

Don Frickel called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

Food and Clothing Rooms: Nikki reported that the McLean Baptist Church was closed due to the pandemic, and therefore clients entered in through the boiler room and directly to the food room. With the cold weather, she is seeing fewer clients: however, in October – December 2021, the number of clients was higher. On November 20 there were 75-80 clients. In November and December, she handled 450 and 480 family member clients, respectively, of whom 226 and 240 were new clients. Most gift cards were distributed, totaling \$106,310 in value, which was more than last year due to demand from seniors at Lewinsville and Falstead retirement home: last year it was \$86,385. She reported that this year they did a better job at verifying addresses and ensuring that those receiving gift cards were clients of the food pantry.

Afghan Families: Nicki reported that Fairfax County had contacted her about supporting Afghan families being resettled in the Northern Virginia area from Wisconsin. Lutheran Social Services (LSS) are sponsoring the families, but they do not have the staff to support them. One family is living in an apartment in Pimmit Hills, and the other in Fairfax. Neither has a job, and they are being financially supported by Immanuel Presbyterian Church and McLean Baptist Church. The most immediate need is rent help. LSS has been paying rent for three months. The Board decided that SHARE will either pick up another three

month's rent in total or subsidize their rent for twelve months, in the amount of \$8,000 per family. The Board also agreed to consider supporting more Afghan families. Carol Mournighan and Michelle Shaw, heads of Family Assistance, will be the leads for SHARE.

Treasurer's Report: Kellen reported that the bank accounts equal \$543,773, in both the checking account and certificates of deposit. Donations (\$225,331), particularly from individuals (\$129,609), were up substantially in December, and so far this fiscal year SHARE has seen donations that equal 87% of its budgeted amount for the entire fiscal year. Kellen expects that SHARE will thus exceed its budgeted expectations for donations this fiscal year. So far SHARE has a deficit of \$94,084 between donations and spending, with most of that due to Family Assistance support. This was planned in the budget as SHARE's bank accounts are sufficient for such deficit spending.

Family Assistance: Carol reported that Family Assistance is continues to pass out approximately \$60,000 a month, with SHARE contributing up to \$700 in Fairfax County packages which go to out-of-area residents, particularly in the Route 1 Corridor and the areas around George C. Marshall High School. Since July 1, 2021, the beginning of the fiscal year, Family Assistance has paid housing costs (\$283,197.77) for 514 families; utility costs ((\$59,621) for 181 families; medical expenses for 7 people (\$3,570.24); and miscellaneous costs (\$2,676) for 8 people. Miscellaneous costs include car repair, storage, immigration fees, and school activities. In total, 710 families have been helped in that six month time period.

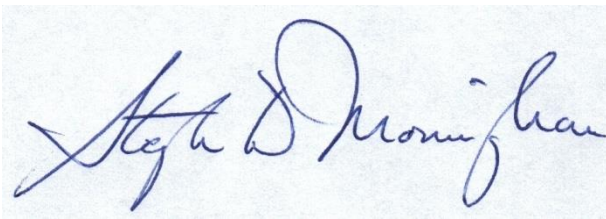
There has been an uptick in contacts in the last two weeks, averaging 70 per week.

Furniture: Molly reported that she is trying to coordinate with LSS regarding the Afghan family in Fairfax but there have been some scheduling issues.

Don asked at the end that we all remember Vic Kimm, past president and vice president, who died in December, and he thanked Randy for the eulogy that he delivered at Vic's funeral. The Board discussed ideas to commemorate Vic's service to SHARE and McLean, and Don suggested a tree be planted in his honor at an appropriate site. The Board agreed and Don will discuss the issue with the McLean Trees Foundation and report back on alternative sites.

Don also said that there is a new manager at Walmart, who suggested that SHARE apply for a Walmart grant, usually \$1,000-\$2,000. Soheyla will follow up.

The meeting ended at 9:08 pm.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Steph D. Monaghan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S' and 'M'.

Secretary