

Manchester Initiative for Supportive Housing

Minutes of February 13, 2008

Attendees: David Blackwell, Tim Woods, Jody Wynn Rodiger, Anne Carr, John Gibbs, Katie Martin, Edith Gerber, Boris Gerber, Jay Stoppelman, Sue Hadge, Susan Holmes, Dianne McPherson, Mary Foley, John Foley, Edith Perlwitz, Jack Cotter, Peg DeForge, Aaliyah Mahasin-Blade, Eric Sinnamon and Joan Dower.

United South Methodist hosted the meeting. Edith Gerber began by reading the hymn "Here I am Lord."

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the MISH meeting of January 9, 2008.

There are exciting things happening. Our consultant, Betsy Crum and the Women's Institute for Housing and Economic Development, has looked at a number of sites in Manchester. A lengthy discussion followed about sites and ownership interest of a housing site. We talked about following our model where we would be the owner and have a separate service provider and developer/property manager.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To follow our model wherein MCHC would be the owner, and we would hire a property developer/manager and a service provider.

Tim Woods then talked about the March 13 Event at Manchester Community College. There will be an article in *Manchester Life*. Flyers and postcards are being printed and will be ready early next week. The HartBeat Ensemble Show will be about an hour followed by a reception. This social will give us an opportunity to talk to attendees about MISH.

We talked about using the weekend of March 8-9 to get the word out to each of our congregations. John Gibbs went through steps in making a presentation and showing the Reaching Home video.

There will be a pre-event dinner for folks like us from other communities who are interested in learning more about MISH. That event will take place in the Cheney Dining Room. Katie Martin is drafting an invitation letter to that dinner. Katie encouraged anyone who has people in other communities they want to invite to send her an e-mail at [HYPERLINK "mailto:kmartin@cceh.org"](mailto:kmartin@cceh.org) kmartin@cceh.org. Katie will also work on a Press Release.

David briefly mentioned Directors & Officers Liability insurance. He said that if we do get to a point where we're ready to sign a contract to purchase land, we will need to get D&O insurance.

If anyone is interested in attending the Supportive Housing Lobby day at the Legislative Office Building on March 4, let Edith Gerber know. She will be glad to help coordinate a carpool.

Our next MISH meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 9 at Unitarian Universalist Society East at 7:00 pm.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To adjourn.

Submitted,

Dianne McPherson
Secretary

