

Minutes

Helping Hands Up for the Homeless Meeting Tuesday February 5, 2019 Cross Ways Church of Worship Aberdeen NC 28315

Tommy Scarboro opened the meeting at 6:05 PM with a welcome and prayer, and then introduced Cliff Brown.

Cliff led the meeting; agendas were given out to attendees. Welcome and introductions were shared.

Speakers were Tommy Scarboro, and Jaymie Baxley.

Tommy shared the work he has done with several of the homeless encampments in the area. He also shared the church's plan for future development to include sanctuary for displaced people.

Jaymie, from The Pilot Newspaper updated us on how he researched to write the article that appeared in The Pilot last week and other information related to what we are working towards. He is doing a follow up article with this group meeting as focus.

Michael McKay and Samuel Levinson from the Food Bank spoke about the issues they deal with and help given in areas where homeless live.

Jon Rachels, Director of Moore Helping Neighbors & Operation AWOL; shared the work his group does with displaced people in the county. Jon mentioned several different locations where homeless are using. He will be reporting back to us next meeting on information from law enforcement about encampments.

A motion was made and seconded to use the name **(Lifting Lives)** from a list of suggested names for our GROUP. We will set up a webpage/Facebook page once it is cleared to use.

Sue Deutsch is researching the name "Lifting Lives" to confirm it is available to use and not trade marked by anyone else. She will be letting me know so we can move forward before the next meeting.

Mia Bowden shared about the youth she works with in schools to have prom clothes to wear.

Information from reports, show that Moore County has over 140 students that are unsheltered and attending schools. Pinecrest High School has over 70 alone. The Food Bank assists them with backpack meals.

Michael Wright shared the programs and experience with organizations he has dealt with. He has several resources that will be beneficial to this group as well.

Discussion of primary issues facing homeless was shared. Several mentioned were mental, health issues, drug & alcohol issues, and issues of aged and youth individuals. Shelter is a major priority with this group to deal with.

Discussion items were as follows, these will be addressed more as we continue meeting.

What do we hope to accomplish as a group?

What Resources are already available and being used for homeless?

What do we have to offer the homeless?

Setting goals and timelines to accomplish steps for maximum assistance.

After much discussion, it was decided to meet in one week.

We will continue to meet at this location until a larger space is needed or no longer available.

Motion to adjourn by Mia Bowden and properly seconded was made.

Motion passed and group adjourned at 7:50 PM

Next meeting date set for Tuesday Feb. 12, 2019 at 6 PM.