



"To comfort our community by providing a warm meal to those in need"

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Board Minutes
2/9/2021

Robert Barber, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm. The meeting was held virtually.

Attendance

Board Position	Name	Present	Call in
Board Chair	Robert Barber	X	X
Board Co-Chair	Ann Stevens	X	X
City Liaison	Rose Jewell	X	X
Treasurer	Niquie Love	X	X
Secretary	Leann Wilkins	X	X
Board Member	Fran Whitmeyer	X	X
Board Member	Traci Tingley	X	X
Board Member	Open		
Guest(s)			

Severe Weather Event February 2021

Weather forecasts predict weather event beginning 2/11/21

- Freezing temps 2/11 – 2/14
- Daytime hours not predicted to rise above freezing on some days

ReFuel is unable to open shelter under standard operating protocol due to COVID-19.

Proposed Action

ReFuel will purchase rooms from local hotels

- Rose has rooms on hold with Rama Inn
- Will also look at Best Western for overflow
- Decision is needed as soon as possible since rooms will be in high demand due to freezing temps

How it will work

- Guests will be vetted by Bob for need
- Rose will create non-transferrable vouchers
- Guests will pick up vouchers and a care package on Thursday at Washougal Community Center

Care Packages

- Snacks
- \$20 gift card to McDonalds
- Bus passes

Secondary back-up plan

- Drop off sleeping bags at police station, with snack bags and hand warmers

Other

- Will ask Rama Inn to contact us if a guest is asked to leave, so their room can be offered to someone else
- Bob currently has 7 individuals on the list for vouchers

Board Approval

Board voted unanimously to provide \$3000 for hotel, food provisions, and residual costs related to this event.

Board requests a donation drive on social media, requesting cash donations to be earmarked for February 2021 severe weather event.

- Facebook
 - Focus on extenuating circumstances such as daytime freezing temps, COVID-19
 - Can take verbiage from Camas Washougal Chamber Chat (Rose will forward)
- St. Anne's mail distribution list
- Board sharing with friends and family

Other Business

Friday meal

- Leann may not be able to make it down if road conditions are poor; Ann and/or Fran can cover
- Ann will get keys from Traci

Leann will bring drop off some hand warmers to library on Wednesday.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Leann Wilkins, Secretary