



Hunger Free Lenawee!

Minutes from March 3, 2020

Attendance: Vickie Pfeifer (MSUE), Terrina Liogghio (2-1-1), Nancy Bishop (DHHS), Heather Pearce (Food Bank), Candy Aranda (the Salvation Army), Envoy Terry Gastor (the Salvation Army)

The Lenawee County Salvation Army

- Candy reported that the Salvation Army in Lenawee started in 1896. The first building on Church St was built in 1929 and the current building in 1968.
- The Salvation Army provides Food, Clothing, Utilities, and Funeral Services.
- The Pantry is open Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-11:30, by appointment.
- They have a Fresh Food Initiative every Tuesday. This morning they served 177 families in 2 hours. Each family received Protein Drinks, Fresh Produce, Meat and Bakery items.
- The First time a client comes for assistance they must register, and they will receive a card. They show the card for future visits and need to update it yearly.
- Envoy Gastor asked about Utility Assistance and for those that do not met the federal income/asset guidelines. We discussed the Walk 4 Warmth event that is scheduled for 03/06/20.
- The Salvation Army has provided Funeral Services for 10 of the 11 Share the Warmth Residents that have passed. They are doing a service today.
- The proceeds from the Thrift Store help to support general fund programs at the Salvation Army.
- They are preparing to add on to the current Thrift Store.
- PathWays of Hope this is a benefactor supported program and has assisted 21 families since 2015. Program eligibility is for those with children under the age of 17. It assists the family with establishing stability. Vickie Pfeifer from MSUE suggested that they collaborate with cooking classes.

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- o Is scheduled for 03/28/20; schools will deliver from 9-12 and pantries will pick up between 12:30 and 3:30, schools will collect the last 2 weeks of March.
- o A survey has been created and sent to each district and to each pantry.
- o Vickie Pfeiffer has reached out to the districts to offer her assistance with educating the kids about the food groups and how to sort the foods. She presented at Morenci and is scheduled to go to Onsted. The Morenci presentation went very well. The kids had a lot of great questions.

- o Goodwill has a donation of boxes that will be distributed to the districts to aid with sorting. Hopefully this prep work will make it easier to do the final sorting on the day of the event.
- o The DHHS board is paying for the live remote with WLEN.
- o Please consider volunteering at the event!
- o Goodwill is offering a cash match for financial donations received.
- o The next planning meeting is scheduled for 02/27 at 2:30PM at Goodwill.

Agency updates:

- o Please encourage all that you work with to complete their census surveys. DHHS will have a computer available to do it in our lobby. The Department on Aging is hosting a to aid seniors in completing it online.
- o MSUE is offering Parent Education classes starting this Thursday, the Parent Talk System.
- o Meat the Need at the Lenawee County Fair is an annual event. This year there will be changes that could drastically increase the amount that is donated to the Food Bank.
- o Just a reminder Veterans Affairs has funding available to assist war time vets and their families. In addition, there is new funding to assist all vets, you do not have to have served during war time.

Meeting Schedules:

Kelly will contact Fishes and Loaves about hosting the April meeting. Nancy reached out to New Hope but they have not committed to the date. Nancy will connect with the Brooklyn Food Pantry about hosting May.

The next meeting is scheduled for

April 7, 2020

Location TBD