



Minutes

HP Gives a Hoot Committee Meeting

7/17/19 **10am** **Borough Hall. Berman Conference Room**

Meeting called by **Michael Buchman, Chair**

Type of meeting **Subcommittee Meeting**

Attendees **Michael Buchman, Marilyn Pruce, Evelyn Sedehi, Monica Jackson**

Minutes

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM
2. There were no minutes to approve
3. Mike, Monica and Marilyn met at Dunkin Donuts with Ramesh Patel.. He is supporting our efforts to apply for a grant from the Joy of Childhood Foundation from DD. However, from follow-up attempts, we later learned that in order to apply we need to be a 501-3C. Grants are awarded in amounts from \$5000-\$25000.
4. Janice will be looking into whether McFoods can help us apply through their 501-3C. The deadline for this grant is August 9th. Janice has spoken to McFoods about HP Gives a Hoot and found that we can have our own account and food pickup or join with the pantry. Mike will follow up with McFoods. On 7/8 and 7/15 Evelyn, Marilyn, and Mike bought ~\$200 in groceries each week, bagged them and delivered them to the teen center for distribution. All food happily taken.
5. 7/29 Mike delivered McFoods veggies and ~\$60 canned protein for distribution. On 8/2 Larry McCandlish and Mike delivered McFoods non-perishables. Ashton Burrell managed distribution, with clients selecting what they wanted. On 8/19 Mike delivered McFoods nonperishables supplemented with ~\$60 canned protein for distribution.
6. Mike, Monica and Marilyn were joined by Evelyn and Janice at Borough Hall, where we discussed how to implement a pilot summer food distribution program from the Teen Center, to complement the Trinity Church's bread distribution. We agreed to start a pilot of the distribution of two bags of nonperishable foods, each totaling up to \$10 worth of food. Suggested items to include in each bag: pasta, sauce, peanut butter, canned tuna or chicken, oatmeal packets, applesauce, mac and cheese, cup of soup. Mike and Evelyn will be doing the first round of shopping today and plan to be ready to distribute on Monday the 22nd at the Teen Center. If feedback is positive we will continue and expand the number of bags throughout the summer.
7. Other topics discussed: Evelyn has been in contact with J & J about a financial donation to our lunch program.
 - Another corporation (Avidxchange, Inc.) reached out to Monica and is interested in helping. Mike and Monica will do a follow up phone call.
 - Monica will reach out to Ashton to set up a focus group of teens to get feedback on this food distribution plan.
 - How to cover these costs was discussed: HP Block Grant funds

We planned for next McFoods pick ups and discussed ideas for the future. This new initiative has much potential going forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Pruce
Secretary