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HP Gives a Hoot Committee Meeting

10/13/20 7-8pm Held over zoom conferencing

Meeting called by Michael Buchman, Chair

Type of meeting Regular Meeting

Michael Buchman, Marilyn Pruce, Evelyn Sedehi

Attendees

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41. The current total balance of the account as of 8/11/2020 is \$25,704.00. As of 10/13/2020, the current total balance is \$21,945.56. This decrease is due to the anticipated summer camp bill of \$4,000.00 and the anticipated global grace costs of \$1,200.00. The current total balance also includes a \$3,000.00 adjustment for the Mayor's Event (suspended) donation.

51. The following table shows the current total balance of the account as of 8/11/2020 and 10/13/2020.

	8/11/2020	10/13/2020
Current Total Balance of the account:	25,704.00	\$21,945.56
Remaining Balance of the Fire Relief Fund*	5,321.00	5,321.00
Anticipated Summer Camp (20 campers) for 2020**	6400	
Anticipated Global Grace costs -12/31/20***	1200	
Adjustment removing credited Mayor's Event (suspended) donation	3000	3000
Available Gives a Hoot Fund:	9,783.00	13,624.56
*Using the Fire Fund	15,104.00	18,945.56
**Excluding Summer Camp	16,183.00	NA
***Excluding Global Grace	10,983.00	NA

- The current total balance reflects anticipated donation from the Mayor's event, new donations, less reimbursed expenses for the Teen Center grocery distribution.
- We paid our summer camp bill, a bit over \$4000.
- I no longer anticipate any expense at Global Grace
- *Asterisked balance shows available funds if we used the fire fund.

61. Teen Center Food Distribution. Our drivers keep up the flow from McFoods weekly. Thanks to Bill Winfrey, Scott Brustein, John Marron, and Derrick Gamble.

Drivers should plan on delivering food at 9 AM.

Ashton and volunteers continue Tuesday 10 AM grocery bag distribution.

Mike has supplied groceries purchased online and directly from Costco in-store.

Amazon reorders are automatic. Projected expenditures :

We purchase about \$350 of food every two weeks. We serve about 30 families a week.

Our current balance would allow 78 more weeks of purchases.

Date Ordered	Item	#/pack	packs	Units	Pack Cost	Extension	total
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projected /2wks	starkist chnk lite 5oz	48	2	96	39.52	79.04	
	skippy PB 16.3 oz	12	5	60	20.75	103.75	
	kirk Chicken 12.5oz	6	12	72	9.89	118.68	
	Quaker Pack	52	5	260	9.29	46.45	
2 wk est							347.92
1 wk est							173.96
	Current Hoot Balance				13624.56		
	Remaining wks purchases				78		

71 Community Food Pantry of HP

- FP will continue to provide Hoot with extra food when available. Scott Brustein picked up an allocation today.

5. Community Food Pantry of New Jersey—exploration. In August, Frank Prado of the CFBNJ reached out to Mike to discuss becoming a partner in the fall.

- We can qualify for non-USDA food by providing evidence that Ashton is willing to provide: # of families served each week.
- We must be a 501c3, however. Mike wrote to Jane Brady, Chair of McFoods’ umbrella organization (Feeding Middlesex County) about coming under their umbrella. Jane Brady replied that their mandate involved only food, and they could not include us because we were involved with services other than food.

6. Tracking our food distribution. Mike prepared a log of McFoods deliveries and estimated clients served. Marilyn will maintain that log. We have been averaging a distribution to 29 families.

7. Thanking our donors: Mike called the Middlesex County Teachers’ Association with thanks for their donation of grocery gift cards and cash.

8. Discussed need to follow up with Bartle School PTA about delivering food for specific families in need.

New Business

Open Questions: Discussed the following ideas. Tabled decision for future meeting and more discussions.

- Do we want to expand our grocery distribution? How do we connect with families in need in the Irving, Bartle, and Hispanic communities in town?
- Lunch is now available in town 7 days a week for any family. How does that impact our mission?
- Do we want to become a 501c3? We might limit ourselves to food and turn the camp element back to the borough. We might become independent of the borough, but that would involve a bigger organization (book keeping, reporting...), and the loss of borough assistance.



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Action Item	Who	Due	Status
After the crisis: Apply for Stop and Shop grant	Mike/Marilyn		We need to be a 501C3 agency
Contact Irving PTO chairs about needs of families in their school community	Evelyn		
Deliver McFoods and groceries to Teen Center	Scott, John, Bill, Derrick		
Get Food Pantry flyers for distribution at Teen Center	Evelyn, Monica		check that this was done
Talk to Ashton about expanding distribution and connecting with food pantry	Mike		
Send flyer to Christina to share with Bartle Follow up with Nurse and appropriate staff at Bartle about contacting families in need	Evelyn will follow up to check status of needs in the Bartle community		
Update our Mission Statement	Committee		
Update our web page			

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Pruce
Secretary