



# Minutes

## HP Gives a Hoot Committee Meeting

**11/17/21      7:30      Held over zoom conferencing**

**Meeting called by      Michael Buchman, Chair**

**Type of meeting      Regular Meeting**

**Attendees      Michael Buchman, Kamara Umbeugh, Evelyn Sedehi, Marilyn Pruce**

The meeting came to order at 8:35 pm on Zoom.

1. The finance report was reviewed.
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	9/14/2021	10/20/2021	11/17/2021
<b>Current Total Balance of the account:</b>	25,563.28	25,679.60	25,730.19
Remaining Balance of the Fire Relief Fund*	5,321.00	5,321.00	5,321.00
Est Summer Camp (20 campers) for year**	0.00	0.00	0.00
Est Global Grace costs for year***	0	0	0
Less Mayor's Event donation	3000	3000	3000
Refund to Feeding Middlesex County	523.56	523.56	523.56
<b>Available Gives a Hoot Fund</b>	<b>16,718.72</b>	<b>16,835.04</b>	<b>16,885.63</b>
*Using the Fire Fund	22,039.72	22,156.04	22,206.63
**Excluding Summer Camp	16,718.72	16,835.04	16,885.63
***Excluding Global Grace	16,718.72	16,835.04	16,885.63
<b>Available Gives a Hoot Fund (above)</b>	<b>16,718.72</b>	<b>16,835.04</b>	<b>16,885.63</b>



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Est Purchases (\$500/month)	2,000.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
Est end-or-year bal. (without donations)	<b>14,718.72</b>	<b>15,335.04</b>	<b>15,885.63</b>

1. **Grant for storage units.** Monica has reminded Feeding Middlesex County to sign a “bill” to return the unspent balance of the \$2000 grant (523.57) per grant requirements. No response from them.
2. **Food distribution** is running smoothly. Monica reported June grocery purchases totaled \$429.41. We’re serving between 29 and 45 clients each week.
3. **Motion passed to buy 40 Stop and Shop gift cards at \$25 each (=\$1,000)** to be distributed at Ashton Burrell’s discretion as a holiday bonus.
4. **United Way/Door Dash food delivery opportunity.** Kami will follow up on new food delivery options.
5. **Windows of Understanding Art for Hoot.** John Marron picked Robert Diken, artist and head of the Metuchen Arts Council, into creating a work for Hoot to be displayed in the “Voices of 9/11” storefront on Albany street. Mike, John, and Robert met at the Teen Center to explain our work. Robert will create a mock-up proposal for approval of WOU and then by us. Thanks to John and Robert!
6. **New Driver.** Thomas Castles had joined our diver crew. With Evelyn Sedehi we now have 5 drivers: Scott Brustein, Bill Winfrey, John Marron, Evelyn Sedehi, and Tom Castles. Mike is a backup, and shared a new schedule today.
7. **Donor solicitation letter:** Kami cleaned up the database, correcting for formatting and multiple names. The letter has been finalized the letter and Mike and Mayor Gayle have signed it. When all is printed, our committee will stuff and label envelopes good folks.
8. **Door hanger distribution.** Distribution is complete. 5000 hangers hung. Thanks to Marilyn, Miriam, Bill Winfrey, John Marron and all others who volunteered to distribute. Tags were not distributed on the North side as we ran out of tags sooner than planned for.
9. **Flier Distribution.** Marilyn is getting the flier translated, and we will distribute through the school and other channels in December.
10. **Renew the Fundraiser next Fall?** The Middlesex Black-Jewish Coalition Open Mic Night fundraiser at Pinot’s was fun and successful. We will ask about repeating this event next year.

**Old Business:**

11. Web page and Facebook revision. We will ask Monica to update Facebook page content.
12. Call for new business.
13. Our next meeting will be via Zoom at 8:30 pm on the third Wednesday of December 15<sup>th</sup>.
14. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm

Action Item	Who	Due	Status
Speak with Monica about updating our Facebook page	Mike		
Get flyer translated	Marilyn		



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Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Pruce  
Secretary