

SCKTRO

SCKTRO Minutes for September 25, 2007

Call to order 9:22am

Attendance: Kathleen Blair-SCKTRO Chairperson, Barb Neslund-SCKTRO Secretary, Case Manager, Matt Deighton-SCKTRO Volunteer Coordinator, Cristee Coates, SCKTRO Treasurer, Teresa Flora-SCKTRO Case Manager, Kathy Koehn, LDR Case Manager, Brooks MacRoberts-FEMA Lead VAL, Debbie Snapp-Catholic Social Services, Donna Meier Pfeifer-Cannonball Trail-American Red Cross, Deb Folkerts-Salvation Army, Doug Breggeman-USDA Rural Development, Jeff Blackburn-Greensburg Mennonite Church, Sandy Hendrickson-UM West Conference Disaster Response Coordinator, Louise Reimer-UMC Site Coordinator, Linda Broce-SCKTRO Case Manager, Beth Oaks and Mark Stump-United Way, Mike Lake-United Church of Christ, Denise Unruh-South Central Community Foundation, Bill Winter and Don McAllister-Church of the Brethren

Opening Prayer

Announcements

- Financial Seminar September 28th at 7:00pm and September 29th at 10:00am at Browns Auction House
- Cheri Baer still needs digital pictures of volunteer groups working. Please contact Cheri at: bcbaer@kcisp.net
- A Media Day is scheduled for Thursday, September 27th sponsored by Fort Hayes State University. There will be statewide newspaper coverage. Everyone is to meet at the Davis Park tent at 11:00am for the tour.
- The Haviland United Methodist Church clothing store will only be open until Saturday, October 13.
- Warren Theater in Wichita has asked to put an ad on before movies encouraging volunteers to come to Greensburg
- KCMA Care and Share Store will be returning to Greensburg. It will be one block South of their previous location, and will hopefully be up and running by the end of the year.

Committees

Volunteers

- October is closed for additional volunteers. From this time forward, we will no longer be scheduling volunteers for Sundays.

The Salvation Army is still in need of volunteers to help off load trucks each week. Please contact Matt Deighton at: (620) 388-1860 or Billie Taylor at: (620) 388-4685

Building

- Dillons bought land in Wichita and Larned that had existing homes on them.

James and Matt went to Wichita on Monday for a walk through. There are 4 homes and a garage that are being sold for \$37,000.00. The units were offered to SCKTRO to help rebuild Greensburg. The garage can potentially be converted into a house due to the size and open floor plan.

Donations

- The Broadview Hotel in Wichita will be donating furniture to the Salvation Army for distribution. There are blonde desks, 3 large couches, pictures, and entertainment centers. These items will be delivered to the Salvation Army in approximately 2 weeks.
- The Disney Store has donated 10 boxes of merchandise to the Salvation Army.

Casework

- SCKTRO has numerous cases of clients who are in the process of purchasing modular homes. The question has been raised as to whether or not there is funding available to help these families with the cost of foundations/basements. Per Beth Oaks with United Way and Debbie Snapp with Catholic Social Services--they are willing to consider helping with these costs as long as families can provide estimates and they have exhausted their other financial means.
- The issue of storm shelters and safe rooms was also addressed. An estimate was obtained from Home Lumber in Greensburg to establish what the costs would be for those families requesting these. The cost range for an underground shelter is from \$4,064.00 for a 6'x6' up to \$6,050.00 for a 6'x12'. These estimates are the installed price. Barb Neslund inquired as to whether or not they can provide a bulk rate if more than one unit is purchased. She was told that they would check with the manufacturers to see if this option is available as we are currently in need of 3 units. United Way and Catholic Social Services have both agreed to help with these costs.

Treasurer

To date, SCKTRO's total income is \$157,240.00; \$9,141.00 has been used for wages, \$800.00 for equipment and approximately \$7,000.00 towards materials for home repairs.

General Information

Denise Unruh brought up a concern that had been voiced to her. She stated that there are numerous people in the City of Greensburg who are not quite sure where to go for housing resources. She stated that the South Central Community Foundation is willing to fund a Housing Resource Coordinator position to insure that this resource is available to all in need.

Close of meeting: 11:25