

Evanston Hungry Children Backpack Program
February, 16, 2016 Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Gerry Bolger, Chairman. Present were Board Members, Gerry Bolger, Bev Fackrell, Tina Taylor, Glen Defa, and Irene Hansen. Larissa Sneider, Packing Committee, also attended.

Irene reported food had been purchased and that shelves were full. Larissa reported that they use four main meals each week so those need to be replenished often. She also said we need to watch that we don't over stock before summer.

There has been no fresh fruit the last couple of weeks to Gerry said he would deliver 160 oranges or apples on Wednesday.

Larissa said she would like bag packers to arrive at about 5:15 p.m. on Wednesdays. She said the City has done an excellent job of keeping the site clean.

Bev said they did not need bags this week for DMS as she has some left over.

Gerry reported he had purchased and donated some bags. Larissa said some of the Smith's bags have to be doubled for certain items but they seem to be working fine.

Bev reported bag pickup is going very well now that Holly Robbins has a key to the facility.

Bev and Tina commented that they thought numbers may increase a little next year but not double.

The Board agreed to double the amount of food sent home for Spring Break.

Irene reported that Joy is working on closing out last year's Community Foundation grant and submitting a new one.

Tina will ask an acquaintance of hers to act as legal counsel for the group.

The next meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m., on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, at the Evanston Housing Authority conference room.

Sponsorships were discussed. Gerry said he would like to wait and give it consideration so we do it right. In the meantime, Irene will ask Dustin to put a little blurb on the website. Irene said Judi Leftin was willing to attend the next meeting and perhaps she would like to take on the task of coming up with ideas.

Glen asked if Carlos had finished the store boxes. He said he is willing to build some if not. Gerry will contact Carlos. Glen will contact local churches again.

Gerry said he would update the “talking points” page.

Glen suggested that we identify committees and that each Board Member could be responsible for each of the committees. Currently we have Food Purchasing - Irene; Bag Packing - Larissa; Schools - Bev and Tina; Marketing - Deborah Demander; 501(c)3 Compliance and Grant Applications - Joy; Donations - Gerry; Volunteer Coordinator - Edie Bell. Other possible committees would be attendance at community functions, sponsorships, Website updating. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Irene Hansen