

THE MINISTRY OF CARING INC.



**Board of Directors**

**CORPORATE MINUTES**

Thursday, January 30, 2014, 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Frank Modesto, Pres., Gregory Varallo, Esq., Vice Pres., Tom Sweeney, Esq., Treas., Anthony Alfieri, CPA, The Hon. Jim Baker, Rick Gessner, The Hon. Kent Jordan, Fr. Nick Mormando, OFM Cap., Br. Rod Pieretti, OFM Cap., Tara Quinn, Mark Reardon, Esq., Maureen Rhodes, Fr. Francis Sariego, OFM Cap., Al Wells

**Welcome, New Members—Frank Modesto, Pres.**

Rick Gessner

Br. Rudolph Pieretti, OFM Cap.

The board welcomed Rick Gessner, also a member of Sacred Heart Housing's Board of Directors, and Br. Rudolph, former director of Emmanuel Dining Room.

**Approval of Minutes of Annual Meeting, Nov. 21, 2013—(posted on webpage)  
Frank Modesto**

A motion was made by Mark Reardon to accept the minutes as presented. Tom Sweeney seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

**Committee Assignments—Frank Modesto**

Final assignments were handed out.

Tom Sweeney announced the finance committee meeting dates, and will follow up with an e-mail.

**Sojourner's Place—Committee performing due diligence—Greg Varallo, Esq.**

The committee is not prepared at this time to recommend moving forward on acquisition.

Following Greg's report, the committee entertained questions from the board.

A recommendation was made to convey to SP Board that MOC was not prepared at this time to acquire the program.

A motion was made by Tom Sweeney that no further action be taken regarding the feasibility of acquiring Sojourner's Place. Jim Baker seconded. Thirteen in favor; none opposed; one abstention; motion carried.

Following a brief discussion on how MOC's decision should be conveyed to SP, it was agreed that Mark Reardon and Greg Varallo would convey the Board's decision to SP's attorney.

Frank thanked the committee for their hard work.

***Creation of Sacred Heart Village II, 625 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St.—Br. Ronald***

Br. Ronald gave an update on the progress of this project.

*Legal Issue surrounding the variance use—Addie Asay, Esq.*

[The day following the board meeting, the Supreme Court upheld the decision of Superior Court].

***Finance Committee Report—Tom Sweeney, Chair & Keith Dorman, CFO***

◆2013 Preliminary Results:

Income Statement and Balance Sheet

Keith presented the unaudited financial statement for the entire year 2013.

***Ministry of Caring Building (former St. Patrick's House), 115 E. 14th St.—Annie Halverson***

Annie gave an update on the progress of this report.

***Update on Program Issues Facing MOC—Addie Asay, Esq.***

Addie reported on recent Continuum of Care grant requests, and the problem of lack of transparency in the scoring.

A motion was made by Mark Reardon to pass this issue to the Advocacy Committee to bring to a focus and then prevail upon Congressional Delegation and State leaders. Tom Sweeney seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Br. Ronald stated that advocacy falls under the jurisdiction of the Governance Committee, of which Greg Varallo is chair.

***Development Committee—Maureen Rhodes (in the absence of Chair Barbra Andrisani)***

The committee will be analyzing data to determine what's working.

The committee is forging a stronger relationship with the Guild and will ask for representation from that group to join the committee.

The committee will also put guidelines into place for entities outside MOC who hold fundraisers for our benefit. We will request financial transparency.

◆Report on 2014 Tribute to Ellen Kullman—Marilyn Monahan, Co-Chair

Theme: Planting Seeds – Growing Roots – Changing Lives. Stationery is being designed.

The committee has identified at least 4 individuals/couples to be on the Honorary Chairs.

The event will be in the Gold Ballroom at Hotel duPont, which seats 370, and we have an additional 100 set up in foyer.

A video is being produced that can be used going forward. This will be viewed in the foyer as well. Who to put in the foyer is problematic. Corporate tables will be in the ballroom.

**Development Director's Report—Priscilla Rakestraw**

Priscilla thanked Tara Quinn for hosting the Annual Guild meeting at her home, where we picked up some new members. Tara acknowledged with gratitude new Guild president Michelle Modesto's assistance with that event.

Priscilla thanked Tom and Rita Sweeney for chairing the Recognition Dinner, which was a wonderful evening. She hopes other board members will chair future events.

Priscilla reviewed the Upcoming Events:

Voices of Caring turned out to be a wonderful event, despite the brutal weather.

***New Business***

Addie Asay announced that she will be leaving to accept a position at Family Court at the end of February.

***Distribution of Calendars—Debbe Philips, Chief of Staff***

***Alternative Conference Room***

New Board member Rick Gessner has graciously offered an alternative meeting place when snow accumulation makes parking difficult at Andrisani Building.

***Upcoming Events were reviewed.***

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.