

Helping Our People Excel (h.o.p.e.)

Non-Profit 31th, Bi-Monthly Board Meeting, June 8, 2011

Present: Catherine McHenry, Robin Young, Harold Bouchard, Bill Gann, Pat Lynch, Roberta Braun, Lea Davis,
Call to Order by: Catherine at 3:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

- a. Bill moved to approve the minutes, Pat second - Minutes was approved by all.

II. Reports from Officers:

- a. **Treasurer's Report** – Report showed a -\$23,386.01. Robin/Carol spent more in expenses due to the property taxes due on the Broadway building and the cost for trucks and pods towards donation pickup and storage. Storage is due to the repairs being made at the Broadway building. Robin states that there is around \$6,000 in the checking account and that she only reconciled through April.
- b. **Fundraising Committee** – Catherine:
 - Golf tournament – Pat spoke to Evelyn at the golf course on 6/8. Pat felt it would be hard to fill the teams after he sent out feelers to his friends. h.o.p.e. can get their \$500 back if we notify Eagle Trace of the cancellation prior to 6/18. Pat moved to cancel the tournament. Roberta second, all approved.
 - 4/30 Yard Sale netted \$300. Board is considering a second yard sale in order to eliminate one of the pods.
- c. **Volunteer Committee** –Robin : N/A

III. Old Business: Status from last meeting:

- a. **Send out donation requests to masses. Agreed to sending a letter once we decide on the letter. Do we have a letter?** Letter is approved and Robin will consolidate and send a new list to Roberta by 6/10. Roberta will print out letters and give to Carol and Robin to sign and mail once received.
- b. **Enhance the weekly distribution questionnaire to see what recipients are good at or like to do. Robin wants to do a survey to see if existing clients will come to the new location. Any status?** Robin did a verbal survey to the current clients at Colfax location. Most said they would commute to the Broadway location. Robin was concerned about the homeless in the Lakewood area if they would be able to receive food.
- c. **Catherine: Potter's House of Denver / Food bank ... Do we want to set up a tour to see their food bank ... Parallel to what I see h.o.p.e.'s pantry would be.** This will be addressed in New Business (B). We need to have more information to see what direction we should go in. (Addendum/Update: Friday June 24th meeting with Andrew (Fundraiser) at 9:00am at the Lakewood location on Taft & Colfax to tour several food pantries. Board members are invited to attend.
- d. **Canvas and Cocktails:** Board members should invite friends to see if interested. Fundraiser will be put in newsletter. Catherine will let Roberta know by Monday the specifics. Hoping for August. (Addendum/Update: Catherine went Monday evening to Canvas and Cocktails they have two locations at Cherry Creek and Southglenn. I went to the one in Southglenn, Stephanie Ball info@canvasandcocktails.com is in charge of the fundraiser's stated they were booked thru 2011 at both locations and are unable to have us this year, we can schedule one for 2012.

IV. New Business:

- a. **Broadway building – h.o.p.e. Thrift Store updates: Catherine: Are we still taking donations or are we holding off until it open?**

- Per Carol, the contractor states that it will be 3 weeks to 1 month to pull the permits. Robin and Carol will schedule a meeting with Steve (architect) to get timelines.
- Since it requires a lot of time and labor to set up all of the clothes currently stored in the pod. Pat and Lea will volunteer to thin out clothes to keep at thrift store and what can be sold to Marty for 10¢ a pound.
- Pat will check with 9News on how recycle the electronics.

- b. **Super Store – Elephant Talking** <http://elephantalk.org> (**Andrew**) – **Robin**: Andrew has experience with food pantries, non-profit fundraising and grant writing. Andrew is looking to combine all pantries in Englewood to make one pantry, but since most pantries are faith based these pantries would not be interested. Carol and Robin met with Randy Harris (works with Andrew) on 6/6 who did a follow-up call stating they were in love with h.o.p.e. They are interested in having h.o.p.e. Broadway building as the primary location providing over 10,000 pounds of food per week to be distributed to participating food pantries. Randy will work with stores like King Soopers, Sam’s, etc. to provide the food, and to find financial baking.
- c. **Communication** – Catherine: Simply need to be on the same page and to respond to emails in a timely manner.

V. Announcements: None

VI. Next meeting will be: Saturday, August 13, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at Broadway building.

VII. Adjournment: Catherine adjourned at 4:15 p.m.