

WISPPA Meeting Minutes of 3.3.18  
Calvary Church, 1050 Fremont Avenue, South Pasadena, CA 91030

Attendees: Bianca Richards, Betty Emirhanian, Dollie Chapman, Judith Harris, Lela Bissner, Ellen Daigle, Kim Hughes, Karen Nunez, Max Nunez, Carrie Adrian, Keith Hendriksen, Camille Levee, Gail Maltun, Alan Maltun, Sally Kilby, Florence Nelson, Diana Postolauche, Diana Mahmud, Richard Helgeson, Mary Urquhard, Susan Groveman, Winnie Fong, Laura Encobido, Diane Crum, Bruce Crum, Jane Wright, Lynda Sullivan, Rachel Sherman, Cathy Billings, Clara Richards, Joanne Nukols, Barbara Eisenstein, Leah Hubbard, Marisa Vasquez, Wayna Kato, Joe Potts, Marlene Moore, Elizabeth Daley, Margaret Campbell, Edward Jilman, Eric Sunaoa, Holly Eaton, Mike Eaton, Lissa Reynolds, Linda Kraussen, Andrew Noden, Mary Ferraro, Peter Mendel, Monica E. Hong, Michael Cacciotti, Sargent Shannon Robledo, Harry Yadav.

1. Call to order: 9:03AM by Bianca Richards, President with special welcome to veteran WISPPA member, Wayna Kato.
2. M/S/C to approve WISPPA meeting minutes of 2.3.18.
3. Announcement re: move of WISPPA meeting location going forward, starting with the next meeting to be held on 4.7.18, to: South Pasadena Library/Senior Center, 1102 Oxley Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030.
4. Meeting Program: “Addressing Homelessness in South Pasadena and Surrounding Communities”
  - A. Speakers from the City of South Pasadena:
    - Karen Aceves Nunez, City Management Analyst, overseeing a \$30,000 LA County grant to study homelessness
    - Winnie Fong, Consultant, hired by the city to execute a study with citizen “town hall meeting” style participation including this presentation under the auspices of WISPPA to determine how best to utilize grant monies, presenting an overview power point which underscores: issues of homelessness nationwide and locally; explanation of the 2016 LA Co. Homelessness Act; explanation of plans for instituting the act; explanation of how funds have been allocated and how annual review and oversight of funds will be carried out.
  - B. Speaker/“Q and A” Panel on “Addressing Homelessness in So Pas and Surrounding Communities,” moderated by Judith M. Harris, LCSW, and WISPPA Secretary, to include:
    - Sgt. Shannon Robledo of SPPD who started the SPPD “H.O.P.E” (“Homeless Outreach Program”) to extend help/resources to homeless persons in So Pas
    - Marlene Moore, Director of Holy Family Church, So Pas, St. Joseph Center
    - Keith Hendriksen, Program Director for Union Station of Pasadena
    - Karen Aceves Nunez, City Management Analyst
    - Winnie Fong, Consultant to study/execute most effective use of \$30,000 grant
  - C. The three areas addressed by the panel as well as by the audience through “Q and A” were:
    1. What is being done to address homelessness in So Pasadena and surrounding communities?
    2. What plans to address homelessness are “in the works” in So Pas and surrounding communities?
    3. What can residents do to help address homelessness in our community?
  - D. Much was learned through speakers’ presentations, panel discussion and “Q and A” session including:
    - the wide range of services other than housing that are available through the Holy Family Church St. Joseph Center So Pas
    - the wide range of services available through Union Station of Pasadena including some housing
    - the need for homeless persons to be treated with dignity and kindness by all
    - the fact that the main issue that must be addressed is lack of affordable housing for an increasing homeless population, many of whom are elderly, veterans, families, and/or those with mental health and/or addictive disease disorders
    - the need for citizens to become involved with planning to address the issues of homelessness in So Pas and surrounding communities, especially in the San Gabriel Valley, where the population of homeless is now close to 5,000 persons
    - the need for funds designated by the county sales tax measure passed to address homelessness to be scrutinized so that much more of the funds are allocated to developing affordable housing.
5. Adjournment at 10:40AM by Bianca Richards.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judith M. Harris, WISPPA Secretary

