

Shelburne Social Services Committee
Wednesday, June 22, 2020
Zoom Meeting

Present: S. Furry-Irish, P. Fontaine, B. Marden, L. Riell

Call to Order: 7 PM

Note Taker: Linda Riell

Citizen Participation: none

Agenda approved

May Minutes approved

Treasurers Report: current balance \$800, Community Fund \$5000, Budget for 2020-21 \$35,000

OLD BUSINESS:

- Membership number according to Charter: states that the SSC consists of 5 members. With B. Marden extending her appointment, we are at 5 members. Thanks Barbra!
- Racial Justice update: Patricia reports that she is taking many calls (likely due to the current societal unrest). She is working with both the Pierson and Charlotte Libraries to provide books, discussion and information on racial justice and has purchased 100 copies of **My Grandmother's Hands** authored by Resmaa Menakem. Participants in the discussion group have purchased their own copies and Patricia is interested in making some copies available to the library. Perhaps the SSC can donate a portion of the books cost. More discussion to follow at next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Dismas House: regional program provides housing and live-in support (in 2 locations, Burlington and Winooski) to former inmates returning to society. Requesting \$4000 to fund programs and meals. Excellent vignette provided by a former resident who was from Shelburne. Discussion follows. Only \$800 remains in budget. That amount is approved and Sue will also encourage Dismas to re-apply in July when we move to our new budget.
- American Red Cross: this is the second request for \$1000 to support general operations. ARC serves VT, NH and ME. Discussion follows. It is decided to donate remaining budget funds to Dismas since it is local, over the ARC which is multi-state.
- Review charter and mission statement: committee read and discussed, noting that language changed slightly in the past few years. Sue will study document/statement and report back to the committee in August.
- Review google form and invitation letter: Sue and Pat will review and make any necessary changes, will email the group prior to our next meeting. We hope to approve it be ready to mail after the August meeting. There is also discussion of the deadlines for agencies to send in requests. Do we need deadlines? This is tabled for now and will be discussed at a later date.

NEXT MEETING: some members will not be available on the next 2 scheduled meeting dates, so the date that works appears to be Wednesday, August 5. This will be confirmed as we get closer to August.

ADJOURNED AT 8:05 PM

