May 19, 2023 6:00pm

8th Street Watkins Glen, NY

In attendance (quorum met):

Riqui Hess (Exec. Director)

Kathie Notarfonzo (Secretary)

Kristine Brownell

Kera Groves

Dan Brownell

Absent: Stacy Gray

No Guests

Agenda for meeting was approved.

**Financial Report:**

Currently have $467.63 in account. Current regular expenses include GoDaddy for website and Zoom for meetings. Kera suggested looking into TechSoup for cheaper prices. Riqui will get us signed up for that. Amazon Smile has been discontinued.

**Fundraising:**

Currently have the "Moustache Dash 5k" and the Push Through; 5k (returning in May 2024). The Turkey Trot will benefit M.R. Hess Home Works this year. Riqui would like to expand fundraising.

**Current Programs:**

\*Saving Space - Monday nights, still being held virtually. 1 regular and random visitors.

\*N.O.W.A. (No One Walks Alone) - First and third Monday. Virtual. No one attends, but there is no advertising. Riqui is speaking with a CRPA about facilitating these, as he is better qualified with those in recovery/living with substance use disorder.

\*Life Clef: Third Thursday (Suicide Bereavement Support) - virtual - no regular attendees. No advertising.

**Community Offerings:**

\*QPR: Next date is 5/21. Riqui has suggested that we need to set a date for the board to be trained.

\*Push Through; Boxes: Two are currently out (Inner Peace and Mindful Inspirations). Need to find a new location in Montour. Kera was looking into a contact.

\*Bruce Cummings Memorial Grant Program: Not currently being offered due to financial restraints.

Pickles: Very few put out. Riqui will be bringing some for everyone to put out.

**New Business:**

\*Traveling Toilet Fundraiser: Riqui expressed her desire to do a "Traveling Toilet" fundraiser in July. Majority decided to move ahead. The dates will be July 7th through the 16th. Riqui has multiple toilets at her house and Stacy has one to donate. We will need to decorate these, as well as find help in moving them. We will use the GiveButter site to take donations and a Google form to take information. Riqui will call local authorities in regard to this.

\*Gala: Riqui would love to be able to pick up the RPA24 Gala idea that was held in September. She would love to see it happen thise yar This was tabled until the next meeting.

\*Cardboard Boat Regatta: Riqui would like to be involved in next year's regatta. Kris offered her barn for building. This was also tabled.

\*"Advertising": We need to make more people aware that we are here and what we offer. Consider asking Stacy to share events in groups, as she seems to be in a number of the local ones.

\*Community Response Team: Riqui would like to work with local authorities and put together a peer led community team to respond to suicides. She has already acquired the framework and training materials from an existing program out of state. Kris and Dan would be willing to do the role playing for the training.

\*Community Engagement: Riqui would like to come up with events/programs to begin fostering more community connections, interaction and engagement, within the community itself. This was tabled for the next meeting

**Additional Items:**

In order to be able to attend/table at and host events, we need to look into insurance again. Previously, the cost was around $350 per year, but this didn't cover anything other than tabling at events. Riqui is going to see about quotes.

**Action Items:**

Riqui is calling local authorities about toilet fundraiser.

Riqui will reach out to insurance companies for quotes.

Kera will see about a Montour contact and get that to Riqui.

Next meeting will take place on Thursday, June 29th at 6pm at The Loft.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm