

Present were Pastors James Lafolette, Terry Cummings, and Dean Hackett. Jeff Snell and Daniel Maxwell were excused. Also in attendance were Councilor Rod Hardin and Lilly Alarcon-Strong.

Dean opened the meeting in prayer at 4:40 pm.

Minutes- Dean moved and Terry seconded to approve the meeting minutes of the January 3rd. Motion carried unanimously.

Terry introduced the new Police Department Chaplain Jim Simpson. The Committee welcomed Jim.

(Terry and Jim exited the meeting 4:45pm)

Family Promise Update- The Committee inquired if Rod would be able to continue to be on the Family Promise Board as he is no longer a Committee member. Both Rod and Lilly thought that he would be able to continue on this Board as a citizen member and with ties to the Faith-Based community. Rod stated he would double check with City Manager Smith regarding this issue.

James stated Kriss has scheduled the first mentor training on Feb 18th for the families that have signed up and have been approved. If there are any other families that the Committee knows of who would make a positive impact and are interested in being involved, please have them contact Kriss. James emphasized how important it is that the mentor families complete the program with the families they are assigned, as the mentee families are accustomed to not following through or having others abandon them.

James stated he has been in contact with individuals from ESD for grant writing opportunities. James stated it is important that the Committee seek out these financial opportunities before funds are depleted. James stated the Committee also has to work on payroll deduction information and suggested the Committee take a look at Ministry Works, as well as local organizations that could help with these items.

James stated Parks and Recreation Director Larry Fetter has informed the Committee that the next Recycling Day Event will be April 8th from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Larry has asked that the faith based community help with this event like they have in the past. The Committee stated they would be happy to continue to help with this event, as well as reach out to other congregations to see if they are willing to help.

James asked Dean if he would be able to run the Committee Meeting on March 7th as he will be out of town.

Dean agreed, and stated he will be reaching out to Pastor Terry Haight from Hermiston Assembly of God to be on next month's agenda as Pastor Terry Haight would like to expand "I Love My City" to all area churches. The Committee thought this was a great idea and opportunity to strengthen ties within the faith based community and the city as a whole.

There was no other business and James adjourned the meeting in prayer at 5:15pm.