

Nassau Resource Committee

Minutes

Tuesday February 9th, 2021 7:00 PM

Via Zoom

Committee Goals:

- To complete the resource document to assist local services in identifying the appropriate resource for persons in need
- To provide support for the Nassau Resource Center and Gathering Place
- To evaluate the potential for a drop-in/community center
- To use the committee's influence to educate and promote the need for services for the needy in the community and for its leaders

Attendees:

Chaplain Michael Needham, President; Lori Clark, Treasurer; John Imhoff, Secretary; Pastor Dion Marquit, Grace United Methodist Church; Joseph Gil, Nassau resident;

Meeting Minutes:

Opening prayer led by Pastor Dion Marquit .

Chaplain Needham Started with a few announcements:

- Last week he was notified that a homeless domestic abuse victim was seeking assistance. Ultimately, the person was directed to Equinox (<https://www.equinoxinc.org/>) for assistance.
- Community Child Care (CCC) reached out in middle of January. Due to concerns and restrictions associated with COVID-19, many of the 20-25 families who typically utilize CCC's services have pulled their children out of the program. The organization has applied for New York's Payroll Protection Plan but was in need of assistance to cover payroll expenses until those funds become available. Nassau Community Connections put the word out to the community via our website (<https://nassauresourcecommittee.org/>) and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/nassaucommunityconnections/>) which resulted in several generous donations.
- Eastwick Press contacted Chaplain Needham. They saw our resource guide and wants to prepare an article featuring the Nassau Resource Committee. More information to come on that.
- All of the furniture, carpeting, and photocopier machine, except for the upright piano, have been removed from the church house porch. If the piano is not wanted by someone in the community, we will likely move it back into the community center space.

The remainder of the meeting was used to review the resource guide that Joseph Gil had reformatted and modified to include much needed information.

- There was a suggestion raised to possibly print the guide in a larger format to accommodate more information. Following discussion, the group decided to proceed by condensing the information and stick with a standard 8 ½" by 11" format that would be laminated.
- Distribution locations were discussed including the local fire departments, village hall, local churches, local stores, the library, via the town website, local schools and day care facilities, and more.
- Chaplain Needham will draft up a cover letter explaining the purpose of the resource guide and how to use it.
- Once the final draft of the guide is complete, Lori will review.
- Decision made to add section pertaining to Veterans in Need...Chaplain Needham to reach out to Chris Vandeusen to verify that we can use his contact information in the guide.
- Lori will compile the list of where the guides will be distributed and will push it out to those who can distribute them to those locations.

Group briefly discussed updating the website and Facebook page to remove outdated, incorrect and irrelevant information. Mr. Gil agreed to start working on this effort and suggested adding an Instagram account and a social calendar for NCC events.

The meeting was closed with a prayer led by Pastor Dion Marquit.