

## MB HAVEN

### MINUTES – APRIL 19, 2013

1. Shelley Licata called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. In attendance were: Shelley Licata, Sarann Graham, Deanna Luttrell (?), (HDMC Foundation gentleman), Chad Chadwick, (blonde lady), (other), (other). Phyllis Lyte arrived at 10:30.
3. Minutes of the last meeting were approved unanimously.
4. Sarann Graham's updates:
  - a. Sarann gave an overview of the status of the Hi-Desert Runway Fundraiser, to be held the next evening, April 20 and reviewed the draft of the program for the event.
  - b. She gave a presentation to the ministerial association in Twentynine Palms.
  - c. The "Latter Day Saints" church makes an annual, in kind donation of \$1,000 to an organization for things like hygiene kits, food, etc. They will put us on their list of organizations to be considered.
  - d. The Old Car Club wasn't aware of MB Haven until now. They donate all the profits from their car show, except what they need to get going for the next year. They will consider giving some to us.
  - e. Wayne Hamilton made a presentation to the Sportsman's Club, which also donates money locally.
  - f. Faith Lutheran Church in Twentynine Palms is willing to donate two acres of land that they own, a block north of the center of Joshua Tree. Art Miller is in charge of evaluating land for the Basin Wide Foundation.
  - g. River Don's Sanctuary is closing. The announcement will be made at the next Yucca Valley Town Council meeting. The location, facilities, and programs at Roy's shelter in north Palm Springs were described. Location: The frontage road north of Hwy. 10 and east of Indian Canyon; Buildings: separate areas for men and women and a separate building one for those with mental health needs; Food: It is prepared in a commercial kitchen; Schedule: Everyone is required to leave the facility after breakfast and can't return until dinner time.
  - h. Furniture donation: two upholstered chairs for the reception area; 15-20 stackable, naugahyde chairs (not all will be useable).

5. Shelley clarified that meetings will continue on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month, except this May, when it will be on the 31<sup>st</sup> (because of Grubstake Days the prior weekend). All future meetings will be held at the County Government building in Joshua Tree, in Supervisor Ramos's office, at 10:00 a.m.
6. Phyllis suggested that we not pursue our own effort to get food from FIND, but rather donate any food money we would have to James Wilson of the American Food Bank. Then our Center would be a distribution/pick up stop for him. Shelley said that she and Sarann have already spoken with Mr. Wilson, who has agreed to that. He also knows where the homeless populations are located.
7. Phyllis said that she had been given a suggestion to make a presentation at Yucca Valley Rotary. Shelley will follow up with Ignazio Ficara.
8. Shelley said that we will complete a web site after fund-raising. Then we will print the materials that will go to homeless camps, hospitals, clinics, food banks, chambers of commerce, the newspaper (advertising/no charge).
9. Shelley has obtained an estimate for carpet at half-price.
10. Neil Derry committed \$15,000 from the County. We have asked for release of those funds and Supervisor Ramos will help make that happen.
11. All permits are completed and floor tile has been donated.
12. Chad has a contact with the local indian tribe, which may choose to help us. Sarann may also have an outreach contact with the tribe.
13. Next meeting: May 31, 2013 10:00 a.m. Supervisor Ramos's office, Joshua Tree
14. The meeting was adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted, Phyllis Lyte