

**INTERFAITH OPEN COMMUNITIES
HYDE PARK CLUSTER MEETING
MINUTES: September 12, 2005**

PRESENT: Pat Wilcoxon, Steven Flowers, Mark Granfors, Brenda and John Murphy, Ken Oliver, Joe Marlin, Allan Lindrup, Anne Holcomb, Marlene Vellinga, Jean and Will White.

- 1. The meeting was convened at 8:10 P.M. by P. Wilcoxon, who called for an open Faith Reflection based on reactions to and/or comments on Hurricane Katrina.**
- 2. FAITH REFLECTIONS: Reactions were pretty consistent in consistent in condemning the lack of preparedness and shortcomings of local, state, and federal agencies in responding to this disaster. Additional comments ranged from the apparent indifference to the stranded poor, particularly the African Americans to the implications of funding the Iraq War. Also noted was the unveiling of a flawed Homeland Security/FEMA Program.**
- 3. SHARED HOUSING: W. White reviewed Paul Beals' written report, which summarized recent program activities.**
 - a. Intake Information – 22 potential home providers and 30 potential home seekers are waiting to be matched.**
 - b. Matches – 12 matches are currently operative.**
 - c. Through advertising and personal referrals, Home Sharing has made contact with sources for potential participants, i.e., churches, Senior Centers, and the Department on Aging.**
 - d. IOC member active support in encouraged to gain greater access to each faith community.**
 - e. Shared Housing committee meeting is to be scheduled for clarification and unanswered questions.**
- 4. TRANSITIONAL HOUSING: J. Marlin reported on recent THP developments.**
 - a. An independent audit of THP books is scheduled for this week, which is useful in fund raising.**
 - b. Mentors and other volunteers are needed and being sought in connection with adding a second cliend-family.**
 - c. Mother's health insurance is being reviewed for extend of familyu coverage. Daughter in need of specific health services.**
 - d. Newsletter will be sent to current donors this month.**
 - e. The THP has become a partner in the Partnership to End Homelessness.**

- 5. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: K. Oliver and Anne Holcomb reported on the statewide Housing Matters Roundtable which they attended along with Steve Flowers, Allan Lindrup and Pat Wilcoxon. Housing initiatives that Hyde Park members indicated they were willing to take initiative on were given bright dots and issues they were willing to support were given dark dots, as follows:**
- a. Bright**
 - Homeless Prevention Program**
 - Tenants Bill of Rights**
 - 7% cap on Property Tax Increase**
 - b. Dark**
 - Comprehensive Housing Initiative**
 - Source of Income Protection**
 - Illinois Affordable Energy Act**
- 6. OTHER BUSINESS:**
- a. September 27th – Illinois Shared Housing Conference, 10:00 a.m. to noon, Suburban Area Agency on Aging, 1048 Lake Street, Oak Park, IL.**
 - b. October 20th – Midwest Regional Housing Conference, CORE, Kent College of Law.**
 - c. November 17th – Homeless Youth Conference, 7:00 p.m. Broadway Youth Center, Chicago.**
 - d. No new information on Doctors' Hospital or 4th Wart redevelopment parcels regarding affordable set-asides.**
 - e. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. and the next meeting is scheduled for October 10th, 8:00 p.m. at STA**

Notes submitted by,

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