

PEP Partnership Board of Directors Minutes of Meeting on Thursday, March 22, 2018, at Plymouth UCC

Present: Leslie, Scott, Cheri, Robin, Lois, Sherry

Continued work on revising the Bylaws. At this meeting we discussed and slightly amended the heading of the document, the Mission statement, and the article on Purpose and Activities. (For these changes, see Revised Bylaws as of March 2018). We decided to keep the essentials of these sections, however, including the legal name of the Partnership and the requirements to maintain its status as a 501 (c)(3).

More substantial amendments were made to the article on Governance: deleting the sentence on the Administrator's role in 4.2.1 (since we will be functioning without an Administrator for the foreseeable future) and reaffirming the validity of conducting official business by email or phone when the board can't meet in person.

What obviously remains to be worked out is the "separate document" mentioned in Article V which supposedly codifies the details of our fiscal policies and procedures.

Ideas for outreach. The following suggestions were made and briefly discussed:

- A speaker's bureau (sending representatives to talk to congregations about our work)
- A poverty simulation to raise awareness of the need for PEP supplies
- Encouraging other churches and other pantries to join the Partnership
- Improving our brochures, website, etc. (Robin can help with this)
- We all need to help, one way or another

New policy with regard to other pantries. Having tried and failed to encourage other pantries to send a representative to serve on the Board, we decided to revise our memo of agreement with them. Leslie will draft a letter notifying them that they will not share in the fruits of the fund-raising the Board will be doing in the future unless they send a member to actively serve on the Board.

Selection of Board officers for the next year. Cheri will serve as President, Leslie as Treasurer, and Sherry as Secretary.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 24, at 4 pm at Plymouth.