

## S3 Community Engagement and Outreach Committee 6-2-20 Zoom Meeting

Members present: Emily Hare, Ruth Price, Cindy Hall, Karen Kennedy, Stan Holt, Tamara Brogan, Rachel Picard, John Kirkman

Cindy Hall, Chair of the committee, ran the meeting. Committee discussed:

1. Project Connect CCCC Update - The committee discussed moving forward with the event in the fall. The group decided on Wednesday September 2, 2020 as the current date of the event. This might change depending on what happens with Covid-19.  
Emily updated the committee about helping homeless students. They are helping one student at a time to help students with their needs, including putting several students in hotels. CCCC Foundation has given \$11,000 worth of Food Lion cards to students. The college has covered a lot of tuition for needy students. Covid-19 has caused a lot of homelessness for students.  
Stan told the committee that there are resources for students that are graduates of the foster care system at age 18 up until the age of 21.  
There was discussion about what tables to have at the event; housing, food, medical, DSS, and voter registration.
2. Stan discussed with the committee the power point presentation that he sent out to members before the meeting. Stan talked about including a positive message about how the existence of S3 helped providers to be better able to help people during the Covid-19 crisis. An example is...BOLM stayed safe and open. For the next meeting, Stan asked members to share a recorded story of success during Covid. Stan suggested training to members and volunteers about the S3 messages and when Covid starts to dissipate, make phone calls or presentations and discuss the messages with others. The messages need to be effective and well said. Stan suggested discussion questions to the task force at the June S3 meeting.
3. Ruth submitted election questions to the committee to be discussed and possibly submitted for the Sanford Herald forum in October 2020.

What is the role of our local government to address homelessness in our county? With COVID-19 threatening our population, employment opportunities, and demands on our medical professionals, how can our government officials allay the threat of homelessness for our citizens?

How can our government leaders ensure the availability of affordable housing, whether owned or rented, so that families are able to avoid economic strain and live in a safe and clean environment?

An unexpected population of the homeless are in the age group of 18-30. What are the responsibilities of our community and our leaders to offer these young people training for careers and at the same time earn a living income, particularly if they do not have the support of family members?

The committee discussed the questions and thought they would be good to submit.

4. Rachel talked to the committee about the website. The S3 website is updated regularly. Rachel and Kelly are helping a couple S3 nonprofits with websites, Facebook, and other media needs that they may have.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 8:30am at First Baptist.