

S3 Community Engagement and Outreach Committee 1-5-21 Zoom Meeting

Members present : Marcia Johnson, Stan Holt, Cindy Hall, Ruth Price, Tamara Brogan, Max Dolan, John Kirkman, Emily Hare, John Campbell

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

1. Cindy discussed the notes from our meeting in November 2020. (We did not have a meeting in December 2020) The committee discussed continuing to do panels and podcasts with information for the public. Cindy reached out to the Rant about S3 doing podcasts. Some of the topics suggested were PIT count, perspective about children, CCCC, veterans, eviction information, and individual agencies. Stan suggested that we present a series of topics on paper to the Rant of areas we would like to cover on the podcasts. Stan also suggested that we invite a speaker to talk to S3 about information involving evictions.
2. H3 Street Outreach Update. On Tuesdays, Dr. Hall and Cindy walk around downtown between 12-2pm. They are watching for homeless patients. They will continue to do street outreach on Tuesdays. H3 developed a schedule for when they will be available to help treat the homeless population at different locations. They are always available for emergencies.
3. CCCC outreach update. Emily updated the committee on the latest procedures at CCCC. They are limiting in person contact on campus. They are continuing to help homeless students individually with their needs. It does not look like there will be any on campus activities until fall.
4. Cindy gave an update on the PIT count. The date for the PIT count is January 27, 2021. The training this year will be virtual for volunteers. Supplies are coming into First Baptist for the count. Cindy has many hats and blankets, however, she needs canned food (that can be eaten hot or cold) and bags to put the items in for giveaway. They are currently updating the map of locations to make that evening more efficient. Cindy plans to do a press release about the count and will get the word out during street outreach. It is unknown if they will be using the same app as last year, or a different app, and/or paper forms. The committee discussed different ways to wear items to let people know that the volunteers are part of the PIT count. Some ideas were a sash with PIT count and S3 logo on them and hats with the S3 logo on them.
5. Cindy gave stories of good events happening during the Christmas season. Christmas Eve, Cindy and Dr. Hall helped with the homeless at BOLM. A girl donated \$500 to BOLM for Christmas presents for the clients at the shelter. Tamara told the group about the BB&T donation of shopping with the 2 families in Family Promise over Christmas. Marsha told the group about 5 new slots for board members for OMI and they are working hard on grants.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 8:30am on Zoom.