

Martin House, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
January 16, 2018
At Martin House

AGENDA

1. Review of Minutes
2. President's Report
3. Executive Director's Report
4. Committee Reports
 - a) Finance – Gayle O’Neill
 - b) Investment – Bob Fusari
 - c) Development and Public Relations – Theresa Madonna
 - d) Board Development – Theresa Madonna and Marilynn St. Onge
 - e) Personnel – Theresa Madonna
 - f) Facilities – Mike Bennett
5. Old Business – Executive Session
6. New Business
7. Adjournment

Next Meeting: 5:30 p.m., February 16, 2019 at Thames River

MISSION: To provide a nurturing community where individuals of limited income who have been alone, alienated, fearful, and dispossessed can develop healthy relationships, new dignity, and a renewed life. Our community will include people recovering from mental illness and addictions.

This mission is accomplished by providing dignified housing, nutritious food, a safe, caring environment, and supportive services for 54 men and women who seldom experience any of these.

Martin House January 2019 Executive Directors Report

Administration

Happy New Year to all! 2019 promises to be a good year. On November 27th I received confirmation that the DMHAS Engineering Division has budgeted \$95,000 for bathroom renovations. Administered through DAS the funds come from bonding money. Thus far the Chief Engineer has brought a plumber and a carpenter to Martin House to submit plans for the project. We owe a huge thanks to Richard Callahan, CEO at SMHA, for his persistence and advocacy at the Commissioner level.

On January 3, 2019 I was informed by Valerie Clark, Fiscal Administrative Manager at OPM, that Martin House has been granted \$38,833 to replace flooring, (carpeting), throughout the building with VCT Tiles. This is in response to a grant that Astrid and I submitted following the mold remediation this past summer. We have a vendor for the project and will get started as soon as we get the green light.

I am applying for a United Way Grant, due 1/18/19. The Capacity Building Grant if awarded would provide up to \$3,000 to replace our outdated phone system. We will leverage the cost with DMHAS funds and unrestricted existing funds. Our phone system cannot be repaired and there are no replacement parts.

Since our last Board Meeting the following Grants have been received:

Chelsea Groton-Food, \$5,000, (Astrid)

Niantic Rotary-Dehumidifiers, \$400, (Astrid)

Women and Girls-\$3,000, Adult Education, (Cara-Lynn)

Charter Oak-\$3,000, Adult Education, (Cara-Lynn)

American Systems, a Norwich based engineering firm chose Martin House as a non-profit to make holiday donations to. I did a presentation to about 150 of their employees. They have since donated \$590, which will now be matched by the company.

We are being asked by property management and DPW to pay for the mold remediation. I will discuss this further in the meeting.

Marketing

The Appeal and the Newsletter have gone out. To date we have received \$15,000 from the Appeal and \$5,045 from the Newsletter.

The 3rd Annual Snowflake Dinner is being held February 28, 2019 with a snow date of March 7th, 2019 at Tony D's Italian Restaurant in downtown New London. We currently have 4 sponsors and sponsorship letters are going out daily. We are fortunate to have Alice Soscia, formerly Leadership Giving Director at United Way of Southeastern CT, and Director of Major Gifts and Development at Safe Futures as a member of the Martin House Development Committee. Alice brings volumes of expertise to our fundraiser, welcome Alice! In order for this event to be successful I am asking that all Board Directors pledge a sponsorship or secure sponsorships from those in your professional and personal circle of friends. In addition it is very important that Directors attend the event as a show of support to others who attend. Please contact Cara-Lynn Turner at caralynnt@martinhousect.org for more information about both sponsorships and tickets.

Program

A resident of Martin House passed away on January 8th. Almost 74 years old, Maris had lived at Martin House for 11 years. He was a quiet, friendly man who knew about everything music, especially 60's and 70's rock and roll. He was also an avid Red Sox fan while at the same time gracious enough to enter into conversation about the Yankees. He could be seen wearing his leather jacket, zipped up, with a cowboy hat reminiscent of Clint Eastwood. When you live or work at Martin House you become part of an extended family. Maris will be missed. If you visit our fb site you will see some pictures of him when he was a musician.

Lori Sadosky, Program Director of Housing Supports and Transitions, has provided 10 current Martin House residents with applications for local housing authorities. This is part of our support to encourage residents to experience the most independent life they can.

We are in the process of choosing new lounge furniture to be purchased with a generous donation from Bob's Furniture. We received the donation last year but wanted to have the room painted before getting new furniture. The room was painted during a UW Day of Caring by Pfizer.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Oberg