

City of Dunedin
Social Services Committee Meeting Minutes
MLK Center
June 18, 2019 5:30 pm

Present: Dr. Avery Slyker, Chair
Sandi Sunter, Alternative
Jason Knott
Tiffany Nozicka
Chantala Simmons

Absent: Bilal Habeeb-ullah
Suzanna Young
Kimberly Tucker

Staff: Dr. Theresa Smalling, Director of Human Resources & Risk Management

Visitors:

1. Call to order – Chair Slyker called the meeting to order 5:35 pm.
2. **Approval of Minutes from previous meeting** – Tiffany moved to approve the minutes, Jason 2nd the move, no discussion. Minutes were approved.
3. **Project Angel Presentation** – Presenter was not able to attend the meeting. The project was explained as one that will focus on girls coming out of the justice system who will be needing personal items and project will provide for the girls.
4. **City Requests** – City Clerk has requested that meeting agendas be sent 2 days prior to the meeting date.
5. **Adopt a Block** – It was reported that there was a good turnout for the orientation by The Florida Dream Center. There was representation from the Fire Department, Shepherd Center, TaiChi Society, as well as 3 commissioners. Volunteer packets were provided. Further information provided about the Dream Center and its role in the Lealman area of St. Pete. The organization identifies areas in need in a city and then with volunteers and local neighbors provide food, assistance with homes which may need some help to get up to code, etc.
There was discussion on the history of the Social Services Advisory Committee. It was shared that the Committee is to advise the Commission to the Social Service needs in the community. Committee doesn't do all of the "work" but offers opportunities to others to help.
6. **Secretary position** – Secretary position is still open. Robert resigned position. There were no nominations for secretary and this will be revisited at next meeting. Sandi

Sunter agreed to do the minutes for the meeting. Jason moved to have Sandi Sunter go from an alternate position to regular member. Tiffany 2nd motion. Motion passed.

7. **Summer Recess** – It was decided that there will be a July meeting; there will be a decision to have a meeting in August. There will be a meeting break in December.
8. **Announcements** – Jason reported that there are “spots” available for children who may need a breakfast and lunch over the summer. Flyers have gone out; there will also be a literacy program available. This is offered through the Methodist Ministry.
9. **Adjournment** – The agenda being completed, Chair Slyker adjourned the meeting at 6:20 pm. The next regular meeting will be July 16, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Sunter, Member