

Steering Committee Minutes
Perinton Congregations for Flower City Habitat for Humanity
A Ministry of Ecumenical Ministries of Perinton, Inc. (EMP)
January 25, 2021, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Church Attendance: **Church of the Assumption:** Charlie Szilagyi; **Church of the Resurrection:** Dan Killoran (Treasurer), George Orosz; **Fairport United Methodist:** Carlee Brown, Rick Hill (Co-Secretaries); **Mountain Rise UCC:** Bill Holliday; **Perinton Presbyterian:** Mark Stevens (Chair). **Guests from Flower City Habitat for Humanity:** Ken Braley (Volunteer Services and Digital Marketing), Ethel Duble (Development Director), Greg Shriver (AmeriCorps Volunteer Services Coordinator). **Member of Ecumenical Ministries of Perinton, Inc. Board of Directors and Flower City Habitat volunteer:** Lois Rixner. **Guest:** Chris Hirschler (Ron Hirschler's son).

Regrets: Ed Daniel

The meeting was called to order by Mark who made introductions. Mark received an invoice of approximately \$100 from Darren Miller of Custom 100 for website services. Darren generously canceled the invoice as a donation in memory of Don Stanton. Carlee and Rick will send a thank you letter.

Flower City Habitat for Humanity plans to build four new homes and rehab two vacant or abandoned houses in 2021. The Perinton Coalition build will be a single-story house with accessibility located at 871 Smith Street, less than a half mile from School 17. The homebuyer is Francesca Madera, a single mother who has participated in the Homeward Bound and Home Buyer programs. Our co-sponsors are Boeheim Foundation (\$30,000) and an anonymous donor (\$5,000). The house will be dedicated in memory of Ron Hirschler and his name will appear on the sign. Flower City will include a paragraph about Ron on their web page. The groundbreaking ceremony is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 12.

The probable start date is the first week of July and building is expected to last about six months. Volunteer days will begin shortly after the dig and will be two days a week starting off and increase to three or four in the fall. We will keep the schedule open, but any church can reserve a block of days or a specific day each week. A suggestion was made to promote leadership days for clergy and staff (either by individual church or as a group comprised from various churches). Flower City will supply volunteers if we fall short.

Ken and Ethel provided information about the pie sale fund-raising program, which is now online for faith coalitions. They also gave an overview of their social activities and programs for families--homeowner picnic, cooking classes, food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas, Adopt-a-Family Christmas gifts program, and connecting families with school programs.

Next meeting: Monday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom (sign-in information will be forwarded before the meeting). We will discuss volunteer needs/scheduling and publicity.

Respectfully submitted,



Carlee Brown, Co-Secretary

Attachment: current roster