

PEM BOARD NOTES FROM VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR ~ September 2015

Summer at Advent House has been very busy as always. No training classes were held due to the conference room being used for garage sale items (even though we tried to avoid this with our new format for collecting items this year) people still brought items over.

We have a Hands-On class scheduled for September 30th and a Death & Dying class scheduled for October 22nd. We also are planning a Christmas Party/training class at Perinton Presbyterian Church on December 9th.

Volunteer recruitment remains at a somewhat even pace although volunteer retention has been a bit of a problem. New volunteers come on board, go through the training and then seem to disappear. The level of commitment has changed over the years...this has been a problem with other Comfort Care homes I've spoken with as well.

I contacted a number of colleges in the area (Fisher, Nazareth, RIT, UofR and MCC) in hopes of securing students in the Nursing, Gerontology and Social Work programs. These students have been a real asset in the past.

I am also rethinking our partnership with the Harley Students this year. The kids don't seem as committed or reliable as they have in the past. They are under new leadership (as Bob Kane has retired) so I am working on a way to solve this. I'll be speaking with their current teacher to come up with some ways to make this work better.

Respectfully Submitted,

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