

TN Affordable Housing Coalition - East Region

August 14, 2019

Minutes

Mission - to connect, educate and advocate for housing opportunities for Tennesseans.

1. Welcome & Introduction of Agencies

2. Updates on TNAHC - Patricia M. Smith

- a. Patricia mentioned the benefits of the website, TNAHC.org, and invited members to contact her with help in logging in. 92 members have never logged in to the site. A lot of news is posted on the Resources page, behind the log-in.
- b. She asked for members' stories and pictures for weekly emails and quarterly newsletter.
- c. She said the Executive Committee has confirmed the practice of one free visit per guest. Second-time guests can pay for lunch or join. She encouraged everyone to invite guests.
- d. She collected business cards to give away a \$25 gift card to Staples and to distribute to members to make a call to another, to build their network.

3. Business -

Elections were held for the new year.

Current Officers

Melanie Cordell - Chair

Chris Osborn - Vice Chair

Cindy Ross - Secretary

Patricia said regional officers could serve for two years with a one-year break before serving again. (That information has been corrected; officers can serve for three years with a one-year break.)

Chris Osborn, vice-chair, called for nominations for Chair. Melanie is eligible to run. Jackie Mayo moved she be re-elected by acclamation (second?)

Nominations for vice-chair were made. Chris has served for five+ years. Sherry Trent and Melissa Duong were nominated. Sherry declined and Melissa accepted the position. She was elected by acclamation.

Nominations for secretary were requested. Bill Forrester nominated Mindy Bowman. She was elected by acclamation.

4. Andrea Ponsor gave a short overview of the Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future and expressed her interest in hearing about barriers and successes the attendees were experiencing.
5. Lunch was provided by TNAHC from The Lunchbox, 5005 Kingston Pike.
6. Joe Speer, Analyst, Research Division, presented a slide deck on Understanding Tennessee's Rural Housing Needs & Housing Solutions. He fielded questions, promised the full report would be posted on THDA.org in the next few days and gave permission for the slides to be posted on TNAHC.org.
7. Member reports:
 - a. Sherry Trent invited all to Eastern Eight in Johnson City August 27. The federal agency, CFPB, is making a tour of rural areas and taking questions beginning at 11:15.
 - b. Maria Catron reported a grand openingof Fresh Start, Rural LIISC, Fahe...

- c. Andrea Karr reported Clinch Powell is coming to the end of its 30-year anniversary celebration and invited all to read the recipient stories on their site.
- d. Tim Howell of Senior Citizens Home Assistance Service spoke of his availability to talk to staff about dementia as part of the Purple [Cities](#) Alliance.
- e. Retha Patton announced Jefferson County had received a Rebuild and Recover grant from THDA.
- f. Rich Ellis said his organization has 5.5 acres to develop in Blount County, but did not have roads of sufficient quality to meet zoning. The Open Arms organization will be licensed to serve persons with developmental disabilities. He is also talking with Richard McClain of Johnson City HFA about homeless foster children.
- g. Anne Cooper said Appalachian Regional Coalition on Homelessness would be sponsoring a Day of Service on 9/11 with Appalachian Service Project.

2019 Schedule -

November 13th - First TN Bank, Johnson City; creating an action plan for 2020