Easter Group – Rebirth of Home Minutes April 15, 2011 Meeting held at the Sitka Lutheran Church

Meeting was called to order by Mim at 12:10 PM Agenda was approved.

Minutes were approved.

President's report: Will report in new business.

Vice President's report: Has no information about Sitka Charitable Trust as yet. Has an accounting of the money that came in for Cynthia. The Energy Assistance check for \$700.00 was to go to Michael LeGuire. He says he did not receive it, and he will need to follow up since the check will be made out to him.

Treasurer's Report: \$3,122.10 is the current balance. All bills are paid.

Unfinished business: The "Backpack Grocery Program". The Salvation Army will not be able to supply food for this program. Keet is interested but we need to take next steps. Issues – source of food. Juneau is the area food bank, Judy will check on this. The schools would advertise and parents/guardians would express interest. (Food for the weekend). Will report back concerning where the food would come from. Invite school representatives to a summer meeting to discuss this program.

Called the Blatchley apple program, no call back.

Honoring Men Banquet still on hold.

Homeless summit – no report.

Faith into Tomorrow Grant with the Episcopal Church will discuss at next meeting.

New Business: Homeless shelter project with SCAPS. An email from Fr. Gordon was discussed. SCAPS board is interested in working with us toward a Homeless shelter. **Motion:** To continue to work with SCAPS to establish a homeless shelter. Motion made by Pastor Dan Fullerton, Seconded by Judy Ozment. Motion carried.

Announcements: The United Methodist Church will be promoting the Nothing But Nets program with a Hoop Shoot. Date has not been established. The Episcopal Church will have a presentation on homelessness which Mim will attend in Juneau. Mim is the new Dean for the Episcopal Deanery. Dorrie has information concerning Inter-faith funding. Senate Bill 3, School lunch program has not yet passed, still in House Committee. Presbyterian Church does not yet have a pastor. Dan Fullerton will be leaving June 1. The Presbyterian Church will receive a special offering for relief and hunger on Easter. We will need a representative from the Presbyterian Church. Dan recommended the book 77 Ways to End Homelessness by Jean Kim. Go to pcusa.org to find the book.

Next meeting, May 13, noon, place to be decided.

Submitted by Julia Smith