

 <p>CHAYAH !REVIVAL! www.chayah.info</p>	<p>Minutes 2nd DRAFT</p>	<p>5th meeting of CHAYAH January 27, 3:00-4:00 p.m. TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL</p>
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- I. Meeting called to order with thanksgiving and prayer for Yah's grace and favor at 3:00 p.m. Members present: Carrie Windham, James Bell, Melissa Rawlins. Members not present: Cloud Criswell, Stephanie Henry, Pastor Ben Yehudah.
- II. Minutes of the Fourth meeting were approved by all.
- III. Melissa announced some Good News! CHAYAH organized a special event for 4 men incarcerated in The Boyd Unit in Teague, Texas. With the full participation of Chaplain Nathaniel Hearne, each were baptized in the Name of Yahshua for the remission of sins by Pastor John Robinson of the Emory Assembly of Yahvah.
- IV. Melissa announced more Good News! The Federal Medical Center (low security Federal Bureau of Prisons) has invited her to be an INSIDE / OUTSIDE mentor of select incarcerated men who participate in the Threshold Program, which she has facilitated for three years now. This puts CHAYAH in the blessed position of being able to disciple these men once they are released. James recommended she also sign up with TDCJ to be an inside/outside mentor.
- V. Election was held for the position of TREASURER on the Board of Directors. The nomination was accepted by Pastor Ben Yehudah in a telephone call with President Melissa Rawlins on Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018. James suggested that usually in a nonprofit, one person does the bookkeeping (in this case Ben Yehudah) and another acts as financial secretary, actually cutting the checks (in this case Melissa Rawlins). Melissa said this is how it was working, with herself not only cutting the checks but inputting activity into Quick Books and then sending Quick Books reports twice a year to Ben Yehudah, who actually filed all necessary reports to the IRS based on information in the Quick Books file from Melissa. James moved Pastor Ben Yehudah be accepted as Treasurer. Carrie seconded the motion. Including the proxy votes from members Pablo Uvalle, Jr., John Kirby and Joseph Dauben, the election of Pastor Ben Yehudah as Treasurer was approved by majority vote. Therefore, the the elected Board of Directors of CHAYAH is:
 - President – Melissa Rawlins
 - Vice President – James Bell
 - Secretary – Carrie Windham
 - Treasurer – Pastor Ben Yehudah
- VI. In her capacity as acting-Secretary, Melissa Rawlins submitted to The Board the current membership list in Excel format. Melissa regrettably has not created the online newsletter for CHAYAH yet. But she has been collecting submitted articles from Inmates around the Nation.
- VII. In her capacity as acting-Treasurer, Melissa Rawlins submitted to The Board the current financial accounting in QuickBooks format. On Dec. 5, 2018, after

receiving a \$250.00 donation from members and supporters, Bill and Tricia Taylor, Melissa purchased QuickBooks at a \$100 discount during a SALE at Staples. In December, she taught herself how to use QuickBooks. All praise to Yah, because through His Son Yahshua ALL things are possible ☺ The 2018 books were delivered via email to Pastor Ben Yehudah prior to Jan. 1, 2019, for ELIM's reporting to the IRS.

Melissa moved to discuss finances at the next meeting, after all have had a chance to review the report. James seconded the motion.

- VIII. Melissa Rawlins reported on the President's work to Finalize Business Plan:—December 23-24, 2018, Melissa and member Regina Hays met at the Headquarters of CHAYAH to brainstorm fundraising methods, to wit:
1. Take Donations for Massages at twice their normal fee, keeping half and paying the massage therapist This could be organized and conducted at locations all around the state or nation, so that local cell groups of supporters can get involved by organizing their own fun, healthy local fundraiser on behalf of CHAYAH... Melissa already has a commitment from her own massage therapist (who is a licensed counselor and is volunteering to teach free classes covering stress management, boundaries, etc... every 2-3 weeks to our residents), Leesa Starrett, who will give us a discount on her massage cost. Carrie and James encouraged Melissa to try developing this outreach fundraiser, but indicated that they did not see much of a market for expensive massages.
 2. House Raffle Fundraiser www.fundraiserhelp.com www.legalbeagle.com Grosses \$2.7 million, when the ticket volume minimum is 40,000 at \$100 per; after-tax amount of \$700,000 can be paid to the homebuilder of your choice Melissa read about this further in the Texas CBAR Legal Toolkit for Texas NonProfits, and it did not *seem* plausible for us. But it's worth looking into. James Bell will investigate further.
 3. Melissa work out a contract with the Veteran's Administrations to receive funds for housing veterans → Melissa file paperwork with the county for CHAYAH to own property tax free → Melissa finance 963 El Camino with the bank → Melissa donate \$ to CHAYAH → CHAYAH buy a 5-bedroom home for Veterans plus one Ex-Offendor → Veterans pay CHAYAH on contract → CHAYAH pay salary to Melissa for CEO duties → Melissa pay mortgage to bank for continued right to dwell in 963 El Camino. James Bell expressed approval for this concept, especially if the house is operated on the Oxford House model. He said it's feasible to create an income generating home with select men, and that Melissa could become her own bank by putting up to 80% of the equity in her house into a While Life insurance program earning 4% interest and from which she then borrows cash to pay the mortgage. Twenty percent of the value would be used as a down-payment on the transitional home property. This would result in Melissa having two mortgage payments, one on the transitional property and one on her own home.
 4. Reach out to businesses for donations... especially to those businesses that offer MATCHING GRANTS for whatever their employees donate. We could call this plan "LOVE LEFTOVER" and ask for pledges from 50 people of \$10 daily for 1 full year... if we got their company to match, then after one year we'd have \$728,000 with which to purchase land! Melissa spent December 25 identifying such matching grant opportunities from Harold Simmons Foundation and

Kimberly-Clark Foundation. (She also discovered larger grants to plow into...)

Carrie asked where she's looking for grants, and recommended GRANTS.GOV

5. Melissa said a similar plan is outlined on the CHAYAH website and I have an offer from an inmate in Oklahoma to work with Rabbi Jonathon Cahn to get all the messianic assemblies nationwide to pledge daily contributions for one year at their chosen level of sacrifice in order to Build Cottages (\$124,000 from 50 people pledging \$7 daily); Fund Utilities, Food, Clothing (\$13,000 from 12 people at \$3 daily); Build the Aquaponic Gardens (\$262,080 from 144 people pledging \$5 daily); Minister the Gospel (\$25,000 from 70 people pledging \$1 daily); Fund Salaries (\$174,720 from 40 people pledging \$12 daily); Fund the Prison Ministry (\$35,616 from 12 people pledging \$56 weekly); Build Meeting Hall / Event Center / Restaurant (\$746,928 from 114 people pledging \$18 daily)... ALL THIS IS DEPENDANT UPON GETTING BANK ACCOUNT SET UP TO WELCOME ELECTRONIC FUNDRAISING.

5. Develop a transportation service using a Google Car. Melissa regrettably has NOT yet made progress investigating the Google angle...

6. Daily Planner useful for Yahwists and Messianics desiring to order their days. These sell for \$40 in places like Michael's. Regina will call The Paper Studio, designer and manufacturer of beautiful models already for sale, to ask if she can design one for CHAYAH to be sold online with a portion of the proceeds benefiting CHAYAH

—On January 9, 2019, Melissa and member Stephanie Henry visited Rex Gerstner, Director of Reentry Brokerage for Unlocking DOORS™ in their Headquarters at 12225 Greenville Avenue, Suite 850, Dallas, Texas 75243 (phone: 972-437-8953 | fax: 469-587-7859 | rgerstner@unlockingdoors.org) Rex had some important things to say, including:

1. Keep individual addresses for each cottage, since the TDCJ will not approve transitional housing with too very many parolees housed together. (He is checking for me on the actual limits.) I don't need this model to be on the alternative housing list if I'm taking "flat discharges" (people who have completely served out their term of incarcerated and will not be on paper once released).

2. Ask Navarro College what grants is TWC paying for that CHAYAH can make use of. How do I move the certification program to my campus? Get to know MY local TWC board and the regions I belong to and find out what training is needed locally to keep jobs...

James is going to set up a meeting for himself and Melissa with TWC and NAVARRO.

3. Become acquainted with the Regional Workforce Leadership Council.

4. Purchase IRIS/TRACE, a database / customer retention software especially made for tracking the success of services to clients. James asked Melissa to investigate whether TRACE is used by Parole Officers while working with those individuals who are still incarcerated.

4. Finally, he thanked us for coming in and said: *It was great talking with you yesterday and your vision that you have with Chayah! I know it will be successful as you implement your plan of action.*

IX. The plan of action Rex referred to is based on funding opportunities Melissa discovered during her January 8, 2019, fieldtrip to Austin, Texas. Simply put: We are eligible for a max. 4% revolving loan from the TX Housing Impact Fund to

BUILD THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING... With Rental Reimbursement for Ex-Offenders provided by the HOME voucher program, plus rent paid by Veterans, we can pay back the loan. She spoke to Michael Wilt, Director of the Texas Foundations Fund administered by the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation, who not only gave Melissa several great ideas to get CHAYAH off the ground ... but also opened doors for CHAYAH with Abigail Versyp and Elizabeth Yevich, who are:

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About TDHCA

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs is committed to expanding fair housing choice and opportunities for Texans through the administration and funding of affordable housing and homeownership opportunities, weatherization, and community-based services with the help of for-profits, nonprofits, and local governments. For more information about fair housing, funding opportunities, or services in your area, please visit www.tdhca.state.tx.us or the Learn about Fair Housing in Texas page.

Melissa will continue to look into funding opportunities via the Veteran's Administration. For instance, she has received an email inviting her to speak to Warren J. Pearson, LCSW, regarding our plan for opening transitional housing. You can view the VA website for grants available: <https://www.grants.gov/learn-grants/grant-making-agencies/department-of-veterans-affairs.html>

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- X. On January 18, 2019, Melissa met with David South of Monolithic Dome Institute to get house plans and quotes for building cottages that house 5 people each. He provided house plans but will have to speak to his son, Mike, for estimated costs.
- XI. Carrie Windham reported on different levels/severity scales of sex offender registrations. There are two different kinds:
 - 1) Lifetime for any sexual offense against juveniles and adults
or
 - 2) 10-year
 -a..... indecency with a child by contact (no penetration)
 -b..... prostitution of a person under age 18

.....c..... indecent exposure to anyone of any age

....d.... online solicitation of a minor

XII. James Bell reported that he's met with a SCORE nonprofit grantwriting guru as well as an individual from Texas A&M Master's Program in NonProfit Administration. He intends to meet with them again, and will bring Melissa into these meetings. Melissa stated her only unavailability is Feb 15-24, 2019. .

XIII. Discussion about appointments to advisory board. Melissa suggested an inmate with great ideas and zeal who provided lots of brainstorm worthy of consideration. Carrie said it would be excellent to have an offender on our advisory board, since they would have a needed perspective. She said this is the practice in her agency. She and James and Melissa agreed that since reasonable doubt comes into play regarding any offender's guilt, and since our advisory board doesn't have to be named, we could welcome contributions from unnamed people. James said "We're a reconciling ministry, and should always be people who can say Go and sin no more. Carrie added that any offender will have been found guilty, but we value input from contributors who are trusted "personnel" within their units. Melissa moved that CHAYAH accept "trustee" offenders as part of the advisory board, and that CHAYAH should accept input from offenders we are mentoring who will remain unnamed so as to protect their privacy and the integrity of the Association. James seconded the motion. The appointment of trusted offenders to CHAYAH's advisory board was approved by all three members present.

The board will continue looking for people to fill other slots, including:

- Mental Health Expert
- Mortgage Loan Officer
- Financial Officer
- Criminal Justice Expert

XIV. The next meeting was set for Sunday, March 3, 2019, at 3:00-4:00 p.m. Texas Time. The location is Wherever You Are... it will be a telephone conference, or SKYPE, or some such. Melissa and James will meet together in his Waxahachie office where he has Wi-Fi. That meeting's agenda will include our treasurer's report on CHAYAH's ability to conduct electronic fundraising.

XV. Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.