

Hudson River Presbytery's Challenge to Change 2019 Grant Awards

Joyce Dupee submitted an application on behalf of **FPC Katonah** entitled "Clean Clothes for the Homeless," requesting \$4,000. The Katonah church has been involved with the Emergency Shelter Partnership (ESP), an organization that helps the homeless in their area. Among other services, ESP provides shower facilities to the homeless twice a week but does not have facilities where the homeless can wash their clothing. The Katonah intent is to provide vouchers to the clients, redeemable at local laundries, which the homeless can use to wash their clothing. Michelle summarized the application for the committee and it was **approved**.

David Frost submitted an application for the **Patterson Community Church** entitled "dis-abilities, of different abilities? Second Stage," which is envisioned as a multi-year effort to help accommodate local patients with multiple sclerosis into their worshipping community. Last year, they installed a video projector and started building a handicapped access ramp for these patients. This year Patterson has requested \$7,000 to create a handicapped parking area and wheelchair loading/unloading dock next to the ramp. The project is also supported in part by volunteer labor and funding from their local community, especially their neighbors of the Town Square Café. Jobie summarized the application for the committee and it was **approved**.

Bryan Breault, Director of the **Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center** has submitted an application entitled "Up to the Task: Leadership Renewal at Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center" requesting \$7,000 for an ambitious two year program of leadership development for the Holmes Board of Directors through executive coaching. This proposal has three goals: clarify the vision for outdoor ministry in their unique setting; identify leadership needs; and build a team that is ready to reach out in partnership to the surrounding community. Janis summarized the application for the committee and it was **approved**.

Debra Bronkema (**Pleasantville PC**) submitted an application entitled "Creating the 'Hub,'" a proposal to renovate and utilize existing space within the church for use by their local student population and artistic, creative groups. She envisions the "Hub" as offering a functional coffee shop and stage to host events such as open-mic nights, poetry readings, small acoustic concerts and art exhibits. For this Pleasantville has a large, unused classroom on the second floor, which with some creative redesign, some construction and the purchase of the coffee bar, mugs, utensils, tables, chairs and couches, plus the services of their three part-time adult associates, will complete their vision. They request \$6,700 from Ch 2 Ch. This application was **approved**.

Jenni Rodriguez submitted an application for **South Amenia PC** submitted a proposal 00 to have Wi-Fi installed in our Church and in our hall. Currently they do not have Wi-Fi and with society today Wi-Fi is a need. Our goal is to bring in local activities for the children, education training for elders, bible study, music, presentation for Sunday service. They requested \$2,500. This proposal was approved.

Lynn Brown (**PC of Pleasant Valley**) submitted an application requesting funding for consulting with Holy Cow, a firm that works with congregations to dream, plan and clarify their mission. They requested \$1,000. This application was approved.

Sandra Larson (**Union PC**) submitted an application requesting funds to promote Union's rapidly growing local food distribution mission by providing efficiency and accessibility for volunteers and recipients. The

food pantry has been sharing space with the nursery. This plan provides much safer, more pleasant and more accessible church nursery. Family ministries are a top priority per a recent congregation survey. With this new separated room configuration, the church can also offer a community Moms & Pre-K Children program with moms' space and nursery in close proximity. Better Food Pantry room layout and access can improve fire/violence sanctuary exit route. They requested \$7,000. This application was approved.