

## EMPOWERING HUMANITIES MINUTES

February 13, 2020

Facilitator: Skye Rittenhouse

Secretary: Kyle Metzger

- I. Introductions
- II. 2020 Census – Kristi Barber
- III. Sharing – Everyone
  - a. YWCA
    - i. They can provide services to those suffering from domestic violence
  - b. Head Start
    - i. Currently taking applications for this year and next school year
  - c. SPFCC Samaritan Fund
    - i. If anyone needs financial assistance, they need to contact Love INC first and Love INC will contact the appropriate church for that assistance
  - d. Trinity UMC
    - i. Grandparent support group (ROCK). Now meeting during the day. Meet every other Wednesday from 10-12, facilitated by LHMC at the Gathering Place on Guilford St.
  - e. WorkOne
    - i. Hiring event Thurs Feb 20 from 1-3 at the Learning Center. Event is for Echo Lake Foods.
    - ii. Can help with resume development, resumes, etc.
    - iii. Questions were asked regarding working with felons, sex offenders, etc. There are programs to help, but there are considerations for certain types of crimes.
  - f. YSB
    - i. They have a voluntary case management program for families who need assistance with navigating community resources for up to 4 months.
    - ii. Funding still available for Gear-up program. YSB can provide safety items for the home.
    - iii. Provide free human trafficking and suicide prevention education.
    - iv. Safe prom – April 24
  - g. YMCA
    - i. KIM League basketball underway
    - ii. Lunch n Learn series ongoing – programs coming up provided by Mental Health America. Lunch is sponsored by Millers Merry Manor.
    - iii. Preschool registration for the fall has opened.
    - iv. Spring soccer information coming soon – watch facebook page
    - v. Daddy Daughter dance – YMCA is doing hair, makeup, and nails for girls on Friday and Saturday for minimal cost. Call the YMCA to schedule.
    - vi. Healthy Kids Day – April 18. Contact Mariah if you want to participate.
  - h. Healthy Families
    - i. Fundraiser at BJ's Brewhouse tonight – 20% of sales.

- i. HCCSC
  - i. Kindergarten Fair – March 12 at HNHS, door #28 at 6pm
  - ii. Cut-off age has changed to age 5 by October 1<sup>st</sup> for 2020-2021 school year
  - iii. Skye is working on cultural resource for our local families – she will be presenting on the resource and it will be available on the HCCSC website. It will be a resource to help the school corp help communicate and work with those from other cultures.
- j. Huntington County Community Foundation
  - i. Scholarship process underway until March 18. Open to both high school, college, and adult students.
  - ii. Grants due April 15<sup>th</sup> for spring cycle for non-profits.
  - iii. Hiring an office manager to be shared between United Way and Community Foundation. Full time, will work 2.5 days between the two offices. Will send press release to the group.
- k. United Way
  - i. Conducting community conversations this year – let them know if you are interested in hosting one to give people a voice about the issues in the community.
  - ii. Wrapping up 2019 campaign – successful year. If you are interested in helping with the 2020 campaign as a volunteer, let them know.
- l. Safe Huntington
  - i. Support group for lgbt youth with a focus on high school and college students.
- m. HU Occupational Therapy
  - i. A current student is looking for contacts for a project regarding helping the immigrant population. Contact Orion to get connected with her.
- n. Purdue Extension
  - i. Health & Human Science advisory council meeting on February 25 – let Caroline know if you are interested in being a part of it.
  - ii. Serv-safe certification courses available
  - iii. Community garden upcoming – initial meeting February 24<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at Purdue Extension Office. They also have hundreds of packets of seeds they can give away – let me know if interested.
  - iv. In the future, **please send all Empowering Humanities correspondence to [empoweringhumanities@gmail.com](mailto:empoweringhumanities@gmail.com). This is the email that will also send out flyers and announcements. Please send out any flyers and announcements by 5:00pm to one email can be sent out that day.**
- o. Boys & Girls Club
  - i. Club is open during school cancelation days. \$5 for the day. They have lots of activities, including volunteering. Let the Club know if you know someone who needs snow shoveled. They also have a site open now at Salamonie school.
- p. Council on Aging
  - i. Successful fish fry
  - ii. Senior Expo – May 21<sup>st</sup> at HU
- q. Visiting Nurse

- i. Open house Tuesday February 18 at the new palliative care clinic.
    - ii. Distributed updated list of ongoing grief support groups. All programs are free to the community.
  - r. Early Head Start
    - i. Starting construction on Kids Kampus in a couple of months and adding 4 new EHS classrooms, which will enable them to have more full time slots.
    - ii. EHS services are free to those who qualify either by poverty guidelines or foster children.
  - s. Huntington House
    - i. Currently full and likely won't have openings for a month or so.
    - ii. Having trouble finding employment for residents with felonies.
    - iii. Let them know if you have any volunteer opportunities.
    - iv. Homeless prevention program – be patient as there is only one part time employee. They provide financial education classes. Many folks are on extremely low fixed income and are faced with medical issues, maintenance, etc.
    - v. There will be no summer benefits for energy assistance.
  - t. Probation
    - i. Here to learn about services and other community issues
  - u. Friends Counseling Center
    - i. Offer counseling in the region, including at Huntington Nazarene
  - v. Bowen Center / SOC
    - i. Meeting after the meeting today to talk about unmet needs
    - ii. Homeless coalition meeting tomorrow morning at 10am at Salvation Army
  - w. Place of Grace
    - i. Red Party tonight at Forks of the Wabash at 7pm. Women supporting women!
- IV. Unmet needs

**Next Meeting: March 12, 2020**

**Caroline Everidge-Facilitator**

**Kyle Metzger- Secretary**

Ground Rules:

- To provide fair time to all speakers and end the meeting by 10:30am, please limit time to 10 minutes per speaker.
- Please limit sharing to 60 seconds per person.
- Please email any items (that are not fundraising) you would like emailed to the entire group to Deidre Gray at [gray110@purdue.edu](mailto:gray110@purdue.edu).