

May 12, 2005 SNAC/CAG Minutes

Members Present: Cheri Parent, Dave Knudsen, Jim Glenn-Hash, Kathie Uhrmacher, Kathie Phillips, Kevin Burklund, Cliff Sibley, Don Phillips

Approve Minutes: Don P. moved that the minutes of the April meeting be approved, as written. Kathie Uhrmacher and Cheri Parent seconded and thirded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Old Business...

Presentation to Leadership Council members: Kevin reported about the presentation to the council members. Kathie U. asked if the group gave us any indication that they will act on our ideas. Kevin reported that they did not. Kathie P. told the group that Dave Polson, from Sterling Communications, was interested in Tech School productions of 10-minute segments that would air back-to-back on Cable TV. As one segment got old, another one would replace it, showing another program, child, success story, etc. from the CLC's. Our group members suggested that we invite Dave Polson to our SNAC meeting in the Fall.

WIC Program...

Kathie P. reported that WIC is going well. All appointments are taken, and it is a joy to see the mothers, infants, and toddlers in the halls at Saratoga.

FOOD Distribution Program...

Don reported that the first FOOD Distribution program went very well. WE advertised this month at Saratoga, Everett, Lakeview, Blessed Sacrament, Prescott, and McPhee. We hope to see it grow. Today we have our second FOOD event, and will have it in the gym because of the rain. We would love more volunteers. The group asked Kathie to send them the dates of the future FOOD events, so that they can volunteer for one.

School Flyers

Dave reported that Mr. Hartman was not very friendly or open to a visit with our group or our school. He seems to be rather negative about our school board and its school boundary decisions. The group discussed the generic school brochures produced by the Foundation. Those who have seen them do not feel like they truly "market" the school. Kevin said he wants a brochure that communicates the "personality" of Saratoga and the Saratoga neighborhood. It seems that the content of the Foundation flyers serves a somewhat different purpose than what we want for ours. However, those flyers are also something we want to use in addition to those we are creating. Cheri will send Kevin our finished flyer, and he will share with the

realtors who represent Hartland Homes, as well as the realtors who have homes listed in the Saratoga neighborhood.

Fun Night...

Kathie U. reported that Fun Night went well. We actually made money!!! Dave and Kathie U. agreed that the LSE students do an outstanding job of running Fun Night. It is a pleasure to have the LSE students conduct our Fun Night each year.

Arts Grants...

The Kathie's reported that we received all 4 arts grants this year. It has been great to have the LSE students here teaching music, dance, visual art, and step-chain. It has been embarrassing, however, that LPS district office has made the payment process so difficult. So far, none of the students has been paid, including the one who should have been paid in October. We have been assured that a process is in place now that will avoid this hang-up in the future. Kathie P. will not write any more grants of this type until we are certain that the process works.

New Business...

June Pot-Luck...

The group decided that they have lots going on in June that would make scheduling the pot-luck difficult. Therefore, we decided to keep in touch during June and July via e-mail.

What's Next???...

The group has decided to start next year with an invitation for Dave Polson to visit with our group. We decided to continue our focus of Public Awareness for the 2005-2006 school year, and we will begin putting our ideas into action.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35, so that Kathie and Don could get down to the FOOD Distribution program in the gym.

P.S. - We served 64 families tonight! That is up 30 families from the month before!