

Civic Engagement Committee minutes

August 8, 2017 4:30 to 5:30

Room 206

- I. Welcome and members present- Dana, Kathleen, Marie, Walt, Ken, Laurel, Carol, Vinod, Brandy and Sarah
 - A. Welcome Kathleen Mainardi as the Asheville Terrace Apartments Food Pantry Project Team Leader!
- II. Approval of July minutes
- III. Executive Committee Liaison report- (Sarah for Bobbie)
 - A. Check out the roomy, modern and welcoming lower level
 - B. Fall Class signups are around the corner
 - C. New Member Orientation is September 15
 - D. Strategic Plan for 2018-2022 is nearing completion
- IV. UNC-Asheville Community Engagement Project Coordinator Liaison - Brandy
 - A. Via the Community Engagement Office, UNC-Asheville will adopt an evening for the Homework Diner program at Erwin Middle School.
 1. CEC will recruit for OLLI members on the same day so that UNC Asheville students and OLLI volunteers can share an activity and work side-by-side
 - B. UNC Asheville's Community Engagement Office is launching a program called Discover UNC Asheville for k-12 students, Parents or caretakers residing in Asheville Public Housing communities. A variety of fun classes will be available during Sept., Oct., and Nov. Transportation will be provided. For more information, contact Brandy.
 1. CEC will recruit for the month of September.
 2. Brandy does have info to an article.
 - C. Founder's Day Celebration 9/12 7pm (90th Anniversary!)
 - D. David Brooks lecture ticket on sale 8/12
- IV. Committee Reports – Harriet, Dana, Marie, Kathleen, Vinod, Carol, Walt and Sarah
 - A. Call to Action for Education – ACS (Sarah for Harriet) & BCS (Dana)
 1. ACS – Harriet, Sarah Kate Pett will meet with Joshua McClure, the new ACSF Volunteer Coordinator
 2. BCS- WE will push hard at the New Member Orientation on 9/15 to garner more EMMA volunteers
 3. recruiting education volunteers will be the CEC focus for the New member Orientation on 9/15
 - B. Call to Action for Food Insecurity (Marie and Kathleen)
 - 1.) MANNA running smoothly. (Marie)
 - a.) 32 volunteers on list BUT Marie can use more volunteers
 - b.) During last shift the Team packaged 5 tons of condiments & laundry supplies (separately, of course ☺)
WAY TO GO!!
 - 2.) Asheville Terrace Apartments (Kathleen)
 - a.) 7 volunteers so far and can use more
 - b.) Beginning in August, 2nd and 4th Mondays with a morning and after shift
 - c.) Apartment residents are also volunteering so OLLI vols and resident vols get to work closely together!
 - d.) Project is a partnership between the Asheville Terrace Apartments, OLLI, United Way and MANNA
 - C. Call to Action for Housing and the Homeless (Vinod, Carol, Walt and Sarah)
 1. Habitat for Humanity- (Vinod)
 - a.) 15 volunteer on list
 - b.) in July assembled 2 complete patio sets
 - c.) next work date is 8/9 with 4 volunteers
 - d.) Habitat is very happy with their OLLI volunteers.
 2. VQR update- (Carol) - switched to 1st Thursday and 4th Sunday. Usually have 6 or 7 people at each session
 - a.) Garden volunteers wanted
 3. Homeward Bound update- (Walt) - has 5 people. 2 work the monthly session which is 1st Thursday 11-1
 - a.) considering to start a second session
 - b.) Homeless Memorial Day is Dec 21, 2017
 - c.) World Homeless Day Oct 10, 2017
 4. Steadfast House - (Sarah) Partner program using OLLI volunteers is slowly coming together. 4 volunteers are interested.
 - a.) Orientation/ training is 9/16 at ABCCM offices from 8-5 with lunch provided

- V. Marketing – Ken
 - A. Article will carry a ‘make a difference by volunteering’ theme and then offer a specific volunteer opportunity
 - B. Team leaders will provide information to Ken who will then create the article
 - 1. Ken will develop a template for the articles which the Team leaders will use
 - C. Sarah will create a list of articles and the dates to be published and give a list of all our Call to Action partners and projects to Ken
 - D. Do we want to update the CEC banner?
 - E. Sarah to check with Laurel about using the website as a tool/resource rather than a reference
 - 1.) Can we upload our articles? Is that a good spot for them?
- VI. Old Business
 - A. **TAKE PHOTOS WHEN VOLUNTEERING. SEND TO SARAH**
- VII. New Business
 - A. MusicWorks has been emailed to find out more about the available volunteer activities
 - B. Americans Who Tell the Truth Exhibit and the 8th graders at Asheville Middle School. English teachers are doing a project in conjunction with the Exhibit and need volunteers to help the students. Sarah to attend 9/14 training
- VIII. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 12TH AT 4:30 IN ROOM 206

Thank you all for the work you do!!!