

Civic Engagement Committee Minutes

February 14, 2017

Reuter Center / Room 205

Attending: Brandy B., Carol C., Dana Z., Harriet Z., Marie B., Sarah R and Vinod J

I. Call to order and January minutes approved

II. Call to Action for Education.

A. ASC

- 1.) CEC Cal to Education volunteers and Sarah have been chosen as the ACS community volunteer champions! It's a real feather in our cap!
- 2.) Julia Shuster, our 'go to gal' and volunteer coordinator has accepted a job with Educational Partners International and will leave ACSF on 2/22. OUR LOSS!!
 - a.) Vittoria and Kate will continue till the end of this school year. Vittoria will be our contact.
- 3.) We have nearly 40 volunteers in the ACS and we are their largest source of volunteers.

B. BCS

- 1.) Oakley is coming along, but still needs volunteers
- 2.) Emma has 3 OLLI volunteers who are enjoying their school experiences
 - a.) Amanda Fox at Emma is our contact and is exceptional
- 3.) Emma Elementary School Culture Day- need OLLI members
 - a.) **Dana** will find out if they are looking for people who have lived/worked abroad or who have travelled abroad
- 4.) **Dana** will follow up with Jane Callis to see if there are other opportunities for OLLI volunteers

C. Discussed United Way Middle School Success Homework Diner which involves middle schools in BCS and ACS

- 1.) **Brandy** is working with UNC Student Government organization to select a day to participate in the Homework Diner.
 - a.) CEC members will try to join the students for a joint night at the Homework Diner
 - b.) The program does not require a long term commitment, but that is the ideal.
 - c.) There is no minimum number of volunteers needed to sign up for a Homework Diner date.
- 2.) **Harriet** will find out if there is an expected time commitment (ie...sign up for Jan to May) for volunteers
- 3.) There is 1 OLLI volunteer. **Harriet** will get her name and give it to Sarah.
- 4.) **MARCH 28** WILL BE A CEC NIGHT AT THE HOMEWORK DINER. Please consider going to check out this opportunity.
- 5.) **Ken and Sarah** will write article about Homework Diner and include quotes form the UNC student and the OLLI volunteer as well as a photo or two.
 - a.) **Sarah** will call Sarah Roth of United Way to get photos of the homework Diner

III Call to Action for Food Insecurity.

- A. There may be an opportunity to work with Judy Mattox this summer in a program that serves lunch to children living in BCS District. **Marie and Sarah will research** and report at March meeting
- B. New slots awarded the OLLI Team. We have 18!!
- C. Members of current teams were invited to join a cook team for Veteran's Restoration Quarters
 - 1.) Request was met with interest form several OLLI MANNA Team members.
- D. **Ken and Sarah** will write article in March or early April about Manna's new volunteer opportunities regarding the Ambassadors and the poverty simulation as well as potentially the summer lunch program.
- E. 2.) Sarah will write email about new opportunities at MANNA and **Laurel will send an email** to those OLLI members who attended a Rainbow In My Tummy workshop and those on the food insecurity list serv to solicit interest.

IV. Call to Action for Housing and the Homeless

A. ABCCM

- 1.) VRQ Cook Team off and running. 18 people are on the list and only 6 are needed for the cook slots.
- 2.) Steadfast House needs a rethink as their cook teams are organized in a way that does not work well for our members.

B. Homeward Bound has 3 interested volunteers. **Carol** will follow up with them.

C. Habitat for Humanity

- 1.) Repair activity to occur 2/15. 10 OLLI volunteers will attend

D. *THANK YOU CAROL AND VINOD FOR MAKING OUR CALL TO ACTION FOR HOUSING AND THE HOMELESS A REALITY!!*

V. Communications

A. Posters are up on both levels and the banner found a home on the lower level

B. **Sarah** will work with Leanna to change the kiosk Panel to one with more visibility

C. **Sarah and Ken** will discuss the OLLI volunteer video vs a PowerPoint presentation

VI. New business

A. Committee discussed the value of working to organize a fall Habitat for Humanity student/OLLI build.

- 1.) **Brandy will research** the idea from the UNC Asheville side and report back

B. Discussed using Facebook more and the committee decided that it would be a good idea to post on Facebook as we volunteer at the different Call to Actions.

C. We all need to remember to take photos (phone camera is fine) when we are volunteering. Send the photos to both Laurel and Leanna

D. **Sarah** will record the CEC placement process for posterity

VII. Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted, Sarah J. Reincke, CEC Secretary Pro Tem

NEXT MEETING March 14, 2017- room 205