

Civic Engagement Minutes

7.10.12

OLLI Rm #206

OUR MISSION: To identify, define and develop a sustainable plan of action which addresses signature social issues in Greater Asheville that engages and provides a significant volunteer experience among the OLLI membership community

- I. Call to Order and Members present: Catherine Frank, Barry Mundt, Chuck Rosenblum, Herb Buder, Bonnie Habel, Carol Culler, Patti Cameron, Jim Lenburg, Dave Scherck, Mark Threlkeld, Tom Bushar and Sarah Reincke

- II. 06.05.12 minutes amendment
Section IV A. 8. Volunteers of up to 30 participants will be encouraged to register for the program and commit for at least one quarter. Volunteers have to be NCCCR members but will be encouraged to join. There will be no extra cost for this program due to funding from OLLI.

- III. Report from Research Committee
 - A. Barry and Catherine met with Cindy Threlkeld, Ex. Dir. Of MANNA
 1. Many service learning opportunities for skilled volunteers were discussed.
 - a.) Hunger 101- a Train the Trainer workshop Sept 13th and 14th . This opportunity could be marketed in the fall catalog as a wonderful experience and as a teaser for our year long focus on hunger
 - b.) MANNA is to conduct partner assessments which will offer many volunteer opportunities appropriate for OLLI members
 - c.) Seek out well know hunger issue specialists and arrange a speaking engagement in Asheville. The Committee feels this option would be a good fit for our OLLI members. One suggestion is Shirley Browning. He teaches at UNCA and might be appropriate for our curriculum if not for a MANNA speaking engagement

- III. Report from Research Committee (cont.)
 - A. 1. d.) participate in the Hunger in America Study as interviewers. This is a time intensive project which is completed in a 6 week period during the Spring of 2013.
 - B. The Research Committee will meet with two other Hunger oriented agencies. Most likely ABCCM, ASAP or Swannanoa Christian Ministries and report back at our next meeting.
 - 1.) Council On Aging is another great resource.
 - C. The volunteer options which occur before our CEC hunger seminar (We've got to name our program!) begins will be publicized in the 2012 Fall catalog as a prelude to our program.
 - 1.) These opportunities will also be mentioned in the newsletter.
 - D. The Committee discussed how many service learning opportunities to integrate into our curriculum. The general opinion was three but no decision was made.
- IV. Discussion of Hands On proposal
 - A. Catherine is working with Michelle Bennet of Hands On to develop the CEC Hunger seminar curriculum.
 - B. A first draft will be presented at the next meeting.
 - 1.) Four areas are emerging: speakers, learning opportunities, short term projects and roundtable discussion about the knowledge gained from the short term projects
 - C. Carol Culler agreed to help Catherine work with Michelle so that at the appropriate time, Catherine can take a more supervisory role.

V. Adjourned at 5:40

THANKS EVERYBODY!!!

NEXT MEETING JULY 24th
4:15 PM Room 207