

## Civic Engagement Minutes

7.24.12

OLLI Rm #207

**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: Herb Buder, Tom Bushar, Patti Cameron, Carol Culler, Catherine Frank, Kenn Haring, Jim Lenburg, Barry Mundt, Sarah Reincke, Chuck Rosenblum, Dave Scherck and Mark Threlkeld
- II. 07.10.12 minutes amendment and passed

Announcement- OLLI will have several teams participating in the Walk to end Alzheimers. **SEPTEMBER 22ND**  
[http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk/NC-WesternCarolina?pg=entry&fr\\_id=2068](http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk/NC-WesternCarolina?pg=entry&fr_id=2068)  
Both Herb and Chuck from our committee will walk. JOIN THEM- it's good for the heart and good for the soul! Contact Herb for more information.

### III. Miscellaneous Items

- A. Meeting times and dates will remain the same.
- B. Detailed description of the MANNA service learning options for our seminar participants will be shared as they become available
- C. Catherine, Chuck and Patti will meet concerning the RSVP role in the Hunger Seminar.
- D. Chuck shared with us some food scarcity statistics
- E. We briefly discussed the number of agencies working on food scarcity issues and those agencies trying to reach children to better educate them about nutrition.
- F. It will be advantageous to develop the Hunger Seminar curriculum with the results we want in mind.

### III. Miscellaneous Items (cont.)

- G. News of the upcoming Hunger Seminar will appear in the OLLI fall class catalog.

- IV. Measuring the effectiveness of the Hunger Seminar Committee
- A. The committee discussed in detail various ways to measure the success of the Hunger Seminar
  - B. Our emphasis is to educate the seminar participants and to motivate them to choose volunteer work focusing on the eradication of food scarcity
  - C. After discussion, Mark T. made a motion :  
Seminar participants will be surveyed at the end of the Seminar to discover the following information:
    - 1.) Reaction to the Seminar
    - 2.) Knowledge gained from the Seminar
    - 3. Behavioral changes occurring as a result of the information explored during the Seminar
    - 4.) Results of the impact we made in our community during our service learning opportunities
  - D. Motion was made by Mark T., amended by Tom B, brought to a vote and passed.
  - E. RSVP will be able to track our service learning effectiveness with the RSVP partners.
  - F. Committee discussed the importance of seeking both qualitative and quantitative data from the Hunger Seminar participants.
- V. ***HOMEWORK - COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE TO BRAINSTORM INDIVIDUALLY ABOUT THE NAME OF OUR HUNGER SEMINAR***
- A. Format to be used by all committee members is the following  
Program name : annual focus
    - 1.) ie... (program name) In depth study: (annual topic) food scarcity

VI. Adjourn 5:40

**Next meeting August 7<sup>th</sup> @ 4:15pm in room 207**