

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

I. Call to Order and Members present: Catherine Frank, Chuck Rosenblum, Herb Buder, Kenn Haring, Dave Sherck, K. Schumer, Jean Mone, Julie Gros, Barry Mundt, Laurel Jernigan.

Chuck welcomed and introduced our new committee members K. Schumer, Jean Mone and Julie Gros, (OLLI Marketing Committee Representative)

II. Review of Meeting Minutes. Catherine reported that efforts to coordinate a volunteer data base remain on-going and that RSVP is presently dealing with funding issues which take priority. At present, in-coming volunteer requests from members are handled on a case to case basis. On a related note, United Way's Hands-on Project will take place 12 September and will provide additional opportunity to share and broaden the data base.

III. Call to Action Symposium, 21 June. Emily Jackson, Director of ASAP's "Farm to School Program" will be the featured speaker. The meeting will be held from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm in the Mannheimer Room. Herb outlined the marketing program for the event which includes:

--Flyers for Bulletin Boards and hand-out. Poster for an easel, budget permitting.

--Announcement over the OLLI Internet and in classrooms.

--Announcement in the Citizen-Times Community Calendar.

--Banners in the staircase.

Availability of some seasonal local food is being considered.

IV. Subcommittee Structure. Chuck outlined the four CEC Subcommittees and asked for CEC volunteers to take on the lead of each committee:

--Call to Action

--LAS

--Service Partnerships

--Community Outreach

K. Schumer agreed to lead the Service Partnerships, and Jean Mone volunteered to head up Community Outreach.

V. Related CEC Matters.

--Chuck reported on the Gates Foundation study of Youth Malnutrition and the importance of good nutrition during the first 1000 days of an infant's life when the infant's brain is developing. Chuck noted that there is no real Champion (whether government or social institution) to fight for good infant nutrition. (As an aside, the Citizen-Times featured an article on 6/12 which covered this subject but lengthened the all important time of brain development to 2000 days).

--Chuck also brought out the fact that Government is considering broad cuts in the SNAP Budget and referenced internet articles which encourage contact with local government representatives including text examples for E-Mails or letters. The question arose in terms of official OLLI involvement in this. Catherine felt that such involvement should be carefully considered as OLLI's main mission is education and not political action....As Kenn pointed out, encouragement to get involved in this can come from OLLI members and can certainly be discussed among them in appropriate settings.

VI. Up-date from Catherine Frank.

--The solar shades are installed and working very well. AC energy savings are evident.

--Hearing Loop should be installed and available within 2 months.

--The Computer Lab will be re-configured for other use as lap tops are replacing the desk tops and can be used in all class rooms.

--Life Transition and Gift of Time Seminars are well received.

--LAS Steering Committee has been formed to strengthen and further enhance the efficacy of LAS.

The meeting adjourned at 3 pm. The next meeting, same time same station, will be on 9 July, see everyone then. Enjoy the Summer!