

Civic Engagement Minutes

8.28.12

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, Catherine Frank, Judy Mattox, Barry Mundt, Sarah Reincke, Chuck Rosenblum, Dave Scherck and Mark Threlkeld
- II. 08.7.12 minutes passed with the following amendment to VII. Plenary Session.
 - A. Curricula and Discussion Plans copy sent as attachment with the 8.27.12 CEC minutes.
 1. Class format: speaker and discussion, service learning project, and facilitated discussion. Each portion will be a class session and the speakers, projects and discussions will build upon one another throughout the term of the class
 2. This formula will give Michelle at Hands On a better idea of the class design.
- III. Committee News
 - A. Herb offered the committee an update about the Alzheimer Walk for September 22nd and passed around the sign-up sheet. The next meeting (9.11) will be the last opportunity to sign up and pay for the Alzheimer's Walk. Those who have signed up and wish to donate, please bring your checkbook to the next meeting
 - B. Dave Mundt announced that his wife, Sally, is passing along a volunteer opportunity which may improve Asheville, especially if you are a bike rider. Volunteers are needed for a bicycle count event. This is a study to better understand how many people on bikes utilize the roads and will consider ways to maintain or improve safety. There is a training session prior to the counting day. Please contact Laurie Stradley at the Sherrill Center for more information. Laurie can be reached at 828-258-7711 or via email at lstradle@unca.edu.
- IV. Executive Director report- Catherine
 - A. OLLI looking into on line registration for the OLLI Center.
 - B. Interviews for the Front Desk Receptionist and the Program Director continue with 2 candidates for the front desk and 5 for the Program Director.

IV. Executive Director report- Catherine (cont)

C. OLLI Marketing Committee has initiated a branding process for all OLLI committees so that we may be more visible within our UNCA and Asheville communities.

D. LAS planning wrapping up and has 22 participants.

1.) Judy Mattox shared the LAS Hunger Day Agenda with us as it will be an enriching day for our committee. We are encouraged to attend. The agenda is attached.

a.) Day begins at Sherrill Center at 8:30 on September 19th and we are all welcome but please bring your own lunch.

E. PATHS will be help over the Labor Day Weekend.

F. MANNA needs volunteers to conduct surveys for the HUNGER IN AMERICA Study. Sound interesting? Please see Chuck for more information and timeframe.

V. Local agencies focusing on food scarcity - Chuck

A. Presentation offered so we are familiar with the existing local efforts to diminish food scarcity.

B. The following programs were briefly described and handouts for each were given to the committee members.

1. ABCCM, Asap, Blue Ridge Food Ventures, Buncombe County Department of Health and Human Services, Bountiful Cities, Carolina Farm Stewardship Assoc, GROWNC, MANNA Foodbank, Organic Growers School, The Lord's Acre and Transition Asheville

C. Brief discussion about the correlation between Food Scarcity and performance on standardized testing in connection to a committee members volunteer experience at Ira B Jones Elementary School.

VI. Service ideas for the curriculum are being considered among them are nutritional workshops or creating cookbook.

VII. Committee reviewed timeline for the printed information about the class.

A. Deadline for inclusion in the 2013 Winter OLLI catalog is mid October.

B. Items needed to meet that deadline

1. Speakers for the first class – Chuck will call (**GET NAMES**)

2. Develop an outline of topics, including the date the information will be explored, for Michelle at Hands On so that she can create service learning experiences complimenting the topic.

3. Meet with Michelle Bennett of Hands On to give her the topic list and correlating dates

5. Line up speakers.

4. Decide class name.

5. Assign committee members topics and days to host/facilitate the speaker, the service learning project and the discussion portion.

VIII. Adjourn 5:45

THANKS EVERYONE FOR YOUR TIME! NEXT

MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 11TH AT 4:15 IN ROOM 207