

Action & Impact Committee meeting minutes
AASD Offices
May 28, 2009, 9AM-10AM

I. Attendees

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II. PPPC News

- a. Representatives of from Christ the Rock Church attended the last executive committee meeting to discuss possible collaborative efforts among food banks and providers in the area (possible formation of a hunger coalition).
- b. Awareness & Education is working on a brochure and it should be ready within a month; Speakers Bureau has about 7-8 members fully trained now.
- c. Information & Analysis Committee is developing a poverty scorecard in the area of food.
- d. Next full membership meeting: June 10th at Zion Lutheran, 7:30 a.m.

III. Sub-committee reports

- i. Next Faith to Face Poverty subcommittee meeting is June 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Prince of Peace. The media rollout/kickoff event is Wednesday, June 24, 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Invitations have been sent to over 200 area faith leaders. The kit will include worship resources for various faith traditions; quick, medium, & long term activities; bibliographies for children and adults; websites; and more.
- ii. Continuum of Care Subcommittee: defined scope, reviewed charter, began seeking out duplications; focus now is how do we leverage existing groups/topics. Looking at developing a tool that volunteers can use while meeting with resource personnel to plan next steps. They have a 4-step focus: building awareness, creating continuum of care schematics, utilization of the schematic, impact that they have on the overall Project Promise vision (engage community in ending poverty). There will be a designated effort to maintain currency/validity of the continuum. Their “aha” moment was that we should not be doing this to find gaps, rather how to fit all the providers on the schematic itself. Goal is for the providers to interact/share information. This first round will be providing tool for service providers; however, awareness will be built for providers as well as members of the community. They meet 4th

Wednesday of each month at 8 a.m. at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.
Next meeting is June 24th at 8:00am at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

- iii. Seedfolks--Andrew reported that this project is wrapping up. Paul Fleischmann, Seedfolks author, came to Appleton, spoke, and toured the community gardens in the area. Free copies of the book will be handed out to ministry members attending the June 24 kickoff for the Faith to Face Poverty Week, with extra copies being made available for any congregation that would like to use this as a project. Seedfolks Project Coordinator Lou Hull, Volunteer Coordinator at the Appleton Public Library, estimates that more than 10,000 people in the Fox Valley read the book. There is a community garden now in Milwaukee inner city which "sprouted" as a result of his books. Andrew will connect with Lou to get more data and results to assist in measuring impact this project had.
- iv. Volunteer & Resource Fair will be held July 18 in conjunction with Farmers Market from 8-noon; a letter is being drafted to invite agencies to have a booth at the event. ADI (Appleton Downtown Inc.) at City Center will hopefully provide space at a reduced fee.
- v. Website--It is under final format review and will be unveiled soon. The site is www.projectpromisefoxcities.org. Willems Marketing and Andrew will maintain site. Thanks to Willems for donating their services!!!

IV. Meeting dates and times

- a. Carrie reported on results of membership survey to gauge input on best site and times to meet. This also updated our membership roster. Eight people preferred 9-10 a.m. and 7 preferred 8-9 a.m. Because it was so close, Andrew asked the persons present of their preference, majority chose 8 a.m. So 4th Thursday of every month (next is June 25, 8 a.m.), Suite 1A, Appleton Area School District Administrative headquarters, 122 E. College Avenue.

V. Meeting adjourned