

Fox Cities Project Promise Poverty Coalition

Executive Steering Committee

LEAVEN

August 6, 2009

12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Meeting summary

In attendance: Jennifer Wanke, Debra Cronmiller, Jennifer Lehner, Jon Stellmacher, Pastor Manns, Marcia Engen, Rhonda Gunderson

Invocation: Jennifer Wanke shared the *Test Kitchen of Life*, a story about three pans of boiling water each containing a different food; carrots, eggs, and coffee. Life's challenges (boiling water) affected each food differently; carrots became soft and weak, eggs became hard, and coffee transformed the water. Each of us has our choice of "food" as we live through the "hot water" challenges of our lives.

Treasurer's Report: Debra Cronmiller reported an additional ten (10) business/organization memberships for 2009 which adds \$250 in dues. The PPPC membership list will be sent by Debra to steering committee members for final review. Any additions and/or corrections should be sent to Debra by the end of August.

Committee Reports:

- *Analysis & Information:* Jennifer Lehner, co-chair, reported the committee's last meeting included invited community members for a total attendance of seventeen participants. After a three hour brainstorming session for causes of financial illiteracy, the committee is now gathering relative data. Charts will be created to share the data with the community.
- *Awareness & Education:* Pastor Manns, co-chair, presented the final Project Promise brochure and announced that ThedaCare printed the brochures as an in-kind donation. Letters of thank you have been sent to ThedaCare for making the PPPC brochure a reality. Pastor Manns introduced a new member to the PPPC executive steering committee, Rhonda Gunderson, Fox Communities Credit Union. Rhonda and Jenni Eichelberg, Thrivent, are co-chairs of the annual PPPC event in January 2010. Work continues on the PPPC Speakers' Bureau. The next PPPC speaker engagement is at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2330 East Calumet, Appleton, WI on Sunday, October 11, 2009 at 9:20 a.m. Mary Wisnet, chair of the committee, coordinates all speaker requests.
- *Action & Impact:* Jennifer Wanke reported the PPPC Volunteer Resource Fair was very successful and special thank yous are extended to the committee for its work, the agencies who participated, and Congressman Kagen who attended the event. *WisconsinEye*, Madison, videotaped the event, and it will soon be available on the PPPC website www.projectpromisefoxcities.org. Debra Cronmiller reported the continuum of care subcommittee met and is gathering data on

housing, food, child/adult care, healthcare, mental health care and transportation. She added there is community interest in creating a health care coalition. Debra will attend the first meeting on August 31st at 4 p.m.

Issues:

- A disbursement of funds was approved via email to cover costs for the Volunteer Resource Fair. In the future, if new expenditure requests arise, a formal email vote will be taken and recorded.
- Information of PPPC Executive Steering Committee meetings will be reported using a meeting summary format.
- The June full membership meeting format was very well received, and the sharing of organization information by those attending was beneficial to all. The September meeting topic will focus on stimulus money as it relates to housing in the Fox Cities.
- The PPPC is fortunate to have many supporters in the Fox Cities. PPPC recognition of individual, business, and organization contributions to the cause of eradicating poverty in the Fox Cities is not viewed as a one-time event but ongoing.
- **Due to a conflict, the full membership meeting on Wednesday, September 9th, will be held at NOON at Zion Lutheran Church.**

Coalition members are invited and encouraged to attend PPPC executive steering committee meetings. Contact Co-chairs Jennifer Wanke leaven@new.rr.com or Jon Stellmacher jon.stellmacher@thrivent.com if you plan on attending any of the executive steering committee meetings listed below.

2009 Meeting dates/times/locations:

Executive Steering Committee
(First Thursday PM)
3:00-4:30 p.m.
LEAVEN
September 3
October 1
November 5
December 3

Full Membership
(Second Wednesday AM)
7:30-8:30 a.m.
Zion Lutheran Church
***September 9 Noon – 1 p.m.**
December 9

Steering Committee Meeting Invocations:

(2009)

- September Pastor Manns
- October Kelly Butzlaff
- November Marcia Engen
- December Nicole Harrison