



Minutes
Youth First Executive Committee Meeting
January 17, 07 4:00-5:00 pm
GUSD Office

Attending: Clark Redfield, Cynthia Soares, Gary Keeler, Jinny Valle, Suzanne Robinson, Professor Andy Dick, Simeon Allison, Brenda Thomas, Ron Eggers, Mike Dahl, Jose Gonzalez, Maggie Hepworth, Jim Suver, Clarissa Pfister, Debbie Miller

- Approval of 11/15/06 minutes
 - Motion carries
 - Jim motions, Jinny seconds

- Introduction of Professor Andy Dick
 - Teaches “Advanced Research Methods: Quantitative” at Chico State; which class will complete the research project (Gridley Community Survey) in conjunction with Youth First
 - Class will work with us to develop survey to test the effectiveness of what we are doing
 - Group introductions

- Review discussion on survey to this point
 - School begins 1/22/07, we have a timeline of 15 weeks.
 - Surveyors will be instructed to have head of house complete survey, the respondent will choose who is head of house
 - Types of questions:
 - Perceptions of community in general
 - Perceptions of school and how it meets needs
 - Knowledge of available youth resources and what needs to exist that doesn't
 - Knowledge and perception of gang issues
 - Perception of race relations
 - Community Growth
 - Perceptions of Youth First
 - Employment opportunities
 - How get information about community
 - Assets
 - Substance abuse and other dangerous behaviors in youth
 - Demographic questions

- Population data
 - Boundaries to be GUSD area
 - Addresses came from Butte County recorders offices, not names, just addresses
 - Does differentiate residences from commercial and empty lots
 - Also includes Manzanita school district

- Clark will email to Andy either list from county or Measure C list
 - Sorted to only include residential
- ☑ Incentives for people to complete survey?
 - Round Table coupons
 - \$10 off recreation department
 - Candy (jelly bell, chocolate)
 - Coupons to local businesses (Casa Lupe, Starbucks, etc.)
 - Who can head this piece?
- ☑ Committees we'll need
 - Incentives – Gary & Brenda & Jim (to check legal compliance)
 - Finding Volunteers (38 teams) – Cynthia & Maggie
 - Training Volunteers – Professor Andy
 - Translation – Jose can help & Maria & Clark
 - Professor Dick may have some Spanish speaking students
 - Logistics – Simeon & Builder's Club & Debbie
 - Stuffing and stamping
- ☑ Language concerns
 - What to do if not Spanish or English home?
- ☑ Door to door drip off, leave for two days and pick up
 - Teams of 2
 - At least one person will be bilingual
 - How do we ask if anyone there can actually read the survey?
 - Professor Dick: Better to sacrifice a response than put people administering the survey in danger.
 - Leave it to that person to find someone to read it to them.
 - Discussion about why this method was chosen versus going through churches or schools
- ☑ Timeline for tasks and expected completion of project
 - Around 750 surveys
 - Advertising (Gridley Herald, Appeal Democrat)
 - Training of volunteers
 - Survey will be out April
 - Format
 - Translation
 - Printing
 - Survey Out
 - Survey in
 - Data entry
 - Analysis
- ☑ Concerns
 - Creating buy in
 - Perhaps, visit service groups ect.
 - Have volunteers talk about in the every day life?
 - Maybe a disconnect with people who didn't get one?

- Professor: The more community leaders supportive the better the response will be. Some pre-talking good, but not until April
- Will we have duplicates if we go to pick it up and they say it's lost?
 - Yes.

Possible meeting for Prof. Dick's class and Youth First for January 30th

GUARDIAN looking at refocusing and would like to work together more.

- Goals of Youth First and GUARDIAN seem to be the same
 - Ie: defined position on benefiting youth
 - Fundraising in place
 - Youth facilities
 - Direct contact and influence with service clubs in Gridley
 - History
 - Non-profit status
 - Would like to help us all pull together and focus
 - Want us to look at how to work together better.

Next executive committee meeting will be held of February 21, 2007.