

## Executive Committee Meeting

*Wednesday, July 18, 2007 4-6pm*

1. Approval of minutes
  - a. Gary motions to approve, Pedro seconds, motion carries
2. Introductions/Attending
  - a. Cynthia Soares, Sycamore school counselor
  - b. Clark Redfield, Superintendent
  - c. Gary Keeler, Police Chief
  - d. Pedro Mota, Knights of Columbus, City Council, Lions
  - e. Joe Proudfoot, Pastor, Gridley Nazarene Church, theater, etc.
  - f. Jinny Valle, Business owner, parent
  - g. Maryann Jenkins, Kaleidoscope president
  - h. Mary Boeger, ministry team at St. Episcopal Church, University Women
  - i. Suzanne Robinson, Elementary School Teacher, Site character education coordinator
  - j. Dave Reick, pastor in Biggs
3. Review philosophy, mission, and goals
  - a. Should we include 40 developmental assets as part of our mission or vision?
    - i. Jinny suggest 40 developmental assets more as a part of our vision.
    - ii. Suzanne suggests mission needs to include empowering youth.
    - iii. Mary suggests the mission statement is not positively phrased, and would like to align more with what Suzanne is suggesting. Cynthia and Clark agree.
    - iv. Clark believes that only a couple of people work on mission, too hard with this large of committee.
    - v. Cynthia says for grants we need to keep those specifics of gang, criminal activity, etc.
    - vi. Mary is concerned that our mission statement is too vague as well
    - vii. Clark feels mission statements have to be vague and get more specific in the goals.
    - viii. As a side note: survey will help us to know how we are accomplishing these more specific goals
    - ix. Mission statement still needs to be concise.
    - x. Do we want to rework?
      1. Yes. We are clearer now and want to be more positive.
      2. Who?
        - a. Clark, Suzanne, Mary will be committee to re-work
        - b. The Five Action Strategies can help us define our
  - b. Do we still feel comfortable with assets as our framework?
  - c. Are our activities meeting our mission?
4. Organization chart
  - a. Has not changed much, changed consultant to coordinator, removed fiscal agent.
  - b. Vision team meetings – we have talked about revamping
    - i. Supposed to be time for different groups to meet, celebrate volunteers, etc.

- ii. We chose time and location to get youth involved, hasn't been very effective
- iii. When we've had more kids, it's been at other time, also.
- iv. Clark asked Joe when youth groups meet that has been effective. They meet in the evening. Cynthia says most of the churches are.
- v. Clark suggest we could involve church youth groups and do it when most meet (Wednesday night at 7pm)
  - 1. Would that be infringing?
    - a. Joe says: would send leadership, not whole group
    - b. Joe willing to be advocate with other leaders
      - i. Things would work with specific tasks even more so.
- vi. Maryann wonders if early morning meeting would work?
  - 1. Clark feels like if evening works for youth groups, maybe that's better
  - 2. Although, kids do get up for other things.
  - 3. Clark suggest that we try evening first, and then try morning meeting as a back-up
- vii. We also have not had much of a role for youth
- viii. We also need to do a better job of having a youth co-chair
- ix. September 13<sup>th</sup> would be the next meeting according the previous schedule
- x. See you at the pole is September 26<sup>th</sup>, next Wednesday in December (student prayer rally)
  - 1. Side note: last year had a good turnout at the H.S. with a good mix of churches.
  - 2. 7:30 in the morning.
- xi. Do we want keep meeting in September or move to a later date?
  - 1. October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm
- xii. Moving the time later will hopefully allow us to have some adults participating
- xiii. Do we want to send personal and signed invitations?
- xiv. Cynthia has a list generated on service groups, etc, including who we have coming, representing.
  - 1. Clarks concerns is that we don't want a meeting just talking about what everyone is doing
  - 2. Jinny says her vision is that meeting are a time where we all talk about what assets we have, what we need, collaborate, and energize all parts of community
  - 3. Joe agrees collaboration is important
  - 4. Clark says he's convinced
- xv. We will keep vision team meeting as quarterly event.
- xvi. Will only be as good as we market it
- xvii. Youth participation will be hearing what is happening, what they see as needs, etc.
- xviii. We may be able to get a Speaker's Bureau group by October to do a presentation, etc.
- xix. Clark will do invitation for youths, Jinny and Gary will do for adults, Cynthia will email me the list of who we've identified.

## 5. Developing Comprehensive Strategies

- a. Maryann suggest that we focus more on a specific section of the strategy list
  - i. Maybe divide it up into 2 months for each of the 6 things
- b. Clark also feels picking targets and accomplishing those and then publish that that's happened.
- c. Suzanne suggest underperforming kids intervention classes is a good way to get underrepresented kids we've been talking about

6. Direction for coming year
  - a. Hiring a coordinator
    - i. Suzanne questions about grant function, Cynthia explains the coordination of grant required by the hired coordinator.
      1. Feedback also included having coordinator meet with school character ed site coordinators.
      2. We need to vote on the grant money coming to Youth First
      3. Gary is confused why we are taking responsibility for grant report writing since she's still be paid
      4. Clark would like to have Maryann here to explain where all the money is coming from, if she is relinquishing her responsibility, and so should be relinquishing some of the money.
        - a. Maryann cannot accept any more money because of BCOE policy.
        - b. Who is going to talk to Maryann?
          - i. Clark and Gary will sit down with her.
      5. Clark also feels these things are not her decision, it should have been our decision.
      6. Suzanne also worried we don't want to lose a grant because we had our coordinator do it.
    - b. Jinny motions we hire a coordinator with description as presented. Joe seconds. Motion carries.
    - c. Jinny motions we authorize executive director to fill position. Maryann seconds. Motion carries.
      - i. Gary, Jinny, Clark, Maryann will be on hiring committee
      - ii. Will go in area papers and on web site.
    - d. Would like to get office space and/or phone at city. Gary will handle talking to about phone number and box, later, when coordinator has been hired.
7. Donations for activities for kids
  - a. Cynthia would like to see us create scholarships to allow lower-income kids to participate in activities that require financial contribution (i.e. swimming, dance, etc.)
  - b. Other problem is that kids who can't afford don't have parents who support actually getting them to the activities.
  - c. How to choose what child gets the money.
    - i. Would have to be some simple application form.
    - ii. Can look at how recreation department does it.
  - d. Maryann thinks it's such a big project we may need a whole committee donated to it.
  - e. Suzanne says other communities do something similar that we can look at it.
  - f. So we want to look into this as a Youth First component?
    - i. Will need a name, etc.
    - ii. Joe says they can help with media marketing production through their church.
    - iii. Teachers are a great resource for identifying kids
  - g. Cynthia wants to take this on as a project with the blessing of Youth First Executive Committee and Suzanne will help.
8. First five/other grants
  - a. Butte County has already distributed their grants for this year. There are several other we will likely qualify for. We need to start gathering information for these grants.
  - b. These grants have a quick turnaround time so it would really help to start gathering this data ahead of time.

- c. North Valley Community Foundation
  - i. When we get contributions through their web site 8/15-10/11 they will give some additional money.
  - ii. Would really just involve us marketing
  - iii. What are we asking for people to donate to Youth First to do?
    - 1. Clark says we need a more specific project?
    - 2. Maybe better to have another organization that we could let know about it.
    - 3. Clark will run it by the Gridley Education Foundation for ag facility.
  - iv. Clark is also nervous about sending them some money online, etc.
- 9. We will meet in August. Gary will be in charge of agenda.
- 10. Clark motions we add Gary to signature line, Pedro second, motion carries. Clark will find out how that happens.
- 11. Cynthia's phone will direct people to call Jinny or Clark.
- 12. Meeting adjourned.