

Thrive! Meeting Minutes Jan 9, 2014

Present: Mia, Darren, Betty, Donna, Maureen

We need to look at wages in agriculture specifically (in the county). This will be a topic for future research and discussion

Betty – attended CCC meeting today. Betty is the Thrive! rep at CCC.

There was a presentation on housing (SEAC, Housing Solutions)

6 of the 12 people at the meeting signed up on the Thrive! support list as individuals (not organizations) and will help spread the word about event Feb 11. Eve at CCC will spread the word.

At the March CCC meeting, Thrive will have one hour to present Western Slope Rural philanthropy group June 11-13 at Pagosa HS.

Ross Worley discussed a book titled “the Spirit Level”

Mia:

Will be traveling for next 2 months (leaving in 2 weeks). Will be back in April

Mo, Mia, Betty and anyone else who can make I will meet before Mia leaves to brainstorm about the Employer Incentive program

Mia’s sister is doing an internship with Just Economics.

Just Economics Toolkit will come out soon.

Just economics could have someone come here. They may have grants available. Mia will find out.

Donna:

Donna and Betty will work on refreshments. They will check with John Baranski about logistics. We will need several tables (for refreshments, Thrive! sign up sheet, NELP Factsheet, Trive! Talking points (Mo made copies of both of these, Behind the Kitchen Door book sale & raffle, UUA/UUSC Min Wage signup sheet).

Thrive Core group members should have ID tags – Donna – can you get those together?

Darren:

Meeting with Greg & Mia re publicity Tues

Darren has list of 1000

Mo has org email list

Set up gmail acct for Thrive (she sent us email re this)

Will work on Save the Date email to go out soon. Reminder emails closer to event

People should RSVP

Maureen

Photographer for event – Ron Garst agreed

Sent John B. FLC Contacts Nancy Stoffer (Diversity coordinator) and Alex Thompson (student org pres).

500 brochures printed

Should be hearing about mini grant from UUSC soon (asked for \$500)

Met Peter Dybing who was interested in organizing a demonstration re living wages. We discussed and thought this would be OK if it is not confrontational and doesn’t attack local businesses. The message should be that “People should have a living wage”. Piggyback on to national movement/conversation re living wages. Have not heard back from Peter

Michael Whiting wrote article in Pagosa Daily Post July 2013. This was mentioned at our last meeting. Mo found phone # for Michael (264-0546) called, left message. Have not heard back

Discussion Leaders for Feb 11 – John B, Greg

Greg getting out PSAs this week and next

Thrive Sign Up List – finalized, printed

Wage Statement sign up sheet – finalized, printed

Wage Statement table (Mo will work table)

Wage Statement Sign up sheet

Handouts

Our talking points on Living Wage

Nelp fact sheets

Thrive! table (Darren will work table)

Thrive! Brochures

“Behind the Kitchen Door” sale/Raffle

Thrive! sign up list

Website. Darren and Mia will discuss at meeting with Greg next week – can we include same involvement options?

1. Endorse Thrive! goals
2. Donation
3. Spread word out about events by emailing friends
4. Attend a “Less than Living Wage” discussion pot luck
5. Notify me about upcoming Events
6. Keep me updated on Thrive!
7. Join the Thrive! implementation team

(Set up so can sign on as an organization or individual)

Met with several directors of nonprofits and more meetings upcoming. All orgs so far endorsed our goals. Some directors had suggestions for sources of small grants to help us cover our expenses: Balentine Fund, Community foundation, LPEA Roundup. Greg is working on aligning us with a nonprofit to enable us to apply for grants, etc

How is 6PM the second Thursday of each month as a regular meeting time?

Tentative next meeting date: Feb 16, 2014