

La Plata County Thrive Living Wage Coalition

June 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Mia Carrasco-Songer, Maureen Maliszewski, Paul Maliszewski, Betty Schwartz-Bozeman, Peter Tregillus, Pat Rustad, Mike Rustad, Lynn Griffith

5:30-6:00

Education – The Living Wage calculation. Mia will work on designing a graphic for the website that depicts what is included in the calculation of the Living Wage Rate.

Mo and Paul presented some tips on Tabling.

Announcements:

TERP update – Brooke was unable to be at the meeting. She has several new applications and expects to get a few more for review in July (date not set yet).

Outreach

MM presented to De Colores Civitan International June 2

MM & PM tabled at Bayfield Yard Sale June 6, 54 endorsements

MM visited IWJ May 27

MM met with minister and Board Pres at UUFD re formation of group around growing inequality

Funding

B&J LOI accepted. Mo, Lauren and Pam working on full application.

Chinook application rejected. Explanation: we are not Constituent-led or community-wide. We are working on this and discussed strategies. Steve Krest will go to Chinook meeting re funding on June 25.

Lynn and Pat will join Mo in forming Funding Committee

Internships

Dustin Lynch – Mo will contact to see if he is still interested

Alexis – not approved by her professor for internship with Thrive! but she is volunteering with Thrive!

Betty - Attending Coalition of Caring Communities for Thrive! At last meeting discussion of “Cliff Effect”. There was a suggestion that we change the Federal poverty standard. Peter suggested people affected by “Cliff Effect” talk to us. Betty will see what research has been done by people discussing this at CCC and about what work has been done to address this issue by other groups. The Women’s Foundation of Colorado did this research and has been working on policy to address issue.

LW calculation - \$12.91 per hour effective July 1.

Discussed potential new Steering Committee members. Mo waiting to hear back from Gwen. Rev Katie and Laura Lewis unable. Mike will talk to his friend James about getting involved in Thrive!

6:00-6:30

Pot luck dinner

6:30-7:30

Discussion

Interfaith Worker Justice Affiliation. We decided to ask Janel Bailey (from IWJ) to talk about IWJ affiliation to representatives from local La Plata Co churches (First United Methodist. Christ the King Lutheran. St Marks Episcopal. Quakers. Sacred Heart, St Ignacio (Peter), St Columba, UU) when she is here July 28 & 29. Mo will contact Janel about this. Idea – have IWJ to send out the invites to individuals we identify and have Thrive! host the discussion. Rec Center or Library suggested venue.

Herald non profit guide \$50. Lynn will submit our info

Thrive! Bylaws - passed after minor changes (desired # of SC members). Mo will submit to SC for final approval.

TERP - Conflict of interest with getting support from Certified employers. Will discuss on national ERP conference call how other programs are addressing this. Discussed the idea of external certification. Peter suggested discussing with Region 9 EDD. Some felt that if the criteria for certification are clear, there should not be a conflict of interest.

Next meeting - July 20 Commons building 1st floor conference room.