

## La Plata County Thrive! Living Wage Coalition

### Coalition Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2015

**Present:** Mike Todt, Brooke Frazer, Lauren Patterson, Lynn Griffith, Mia Carrasco-Songer, Nancy Fischer, Kathy Hall, Mike Rustad, Pat Rustad, Betty Schwartz-Bozeman, Sharon Scott, Maureen & Paul Maliszewski

**Introductions** - A big welcome to Sharon Scott, Nancy Fischer and Mike Todt.

#### **Updates**

TERP (Brooke) – 41 certified employers. Working on online application.

Fundraising Committee formed: Lynn, Pat, Donna Nelson

Pat talked to Kirk re fundraiser. Pat & Lynn will work on proposal

B&J grant proposal submitted July 5, \$19,500

Grass Roots Exchange Fund submitted July 1, \$1388

Steve Krest helping with grants

Sharon Scott has volunteered to be the Financial Coordinator for Thrive!

Thrive! Picnic being planned for Aug 30 at Santa Rita Park for awareness and outreach. Autumn Ward taking lead in planning event. Mike R. asked if is there public transportation to Santa Rita on that day (Sunday). MM will meet with Autumn this week – will discuss transportation.

SC candidates: Laura Lewis unable, Rev Katie at UUFD not available Mondays. Gwen Lachelt and Kathy Tonnessen accepted but could not be at meeting.

External Certification. Region 9 (Laura Lewis) suggested La Plata County Economic Development Alliance. Roger Zalneraitis, Director of La Plata County Economic Development Alliance, would present details to their Board.

LW calculation methodology being considered by SC July 29.

Presentation on TERP by MM at UUA GA June 18 about 75 people

Presentation to Rotary by MM July 8, 2015 about 25 people

**Potluck Dinner.** We enjoyed many eggs!

#### **Discussion:**

Mike T. suggested presenting info on Thrive! at City Council Meeting. Mia interested in giving that presentation to Council. Mike T. will initially arrange meeting with himself, MM & City Council members.

External Certification – All agreed that we should pursue external certification through La Plata County Economic Development Alliance. MM will seek final approval from Steering Committee. If SC approves, MM will send requested information to Director of the Alliance for approval by their Board.

IWJ affiliation. Agreed we should apply for affiliation. MM will seek final approval from Steering Committee. If SC approves, MM will submit application to IWJ for affiliation.

SC Nominees:

Kathy Tonnessen and Gwen Lechelt were unable to attend tonight. Coalition members would like to invite these nominees to the next Coalition Meeting according to the process we have established. MM will do this.

Volunteer Positions & opportunities

Volunteer Coordinator - track volunteer hours. No volunteer at this time.

Tabling.

Bayfield Farmers' Market Saturdays – no volunteers at this time.

Ignacio Farmers' Market? (MM will check with Ignacio Library to see if Farmers Market still exists).

Durango Farmers' Market – Brooke will circulate at the Farmers Market. MM will get OK from the Director first.

NEXT MEETING AUGUST 10