

La Plata County Thrive! Living Wage Coalition Meeting Minutes
The Commons Building, 701 Camino Del Rio
February 8, 2016

Attendees: Lynn Griffith, Betty Bozeman, Steve Krest, Dave Mehan, Matt Bowser, Maureen Maliszewski
5:30- 6:00pm - Introductions and Updates

A special welcome to Matt Bowser at his first Thrive! Coalition meeting. Matt is the Program Director of the Southwest Conservation Corps.

- Minimum Wage Ballot Measure –
 - Thrive! on Steering Committee
 - Name chosen – Colorado Families for a Fair Wage
 - Ballot language will be submitted this month. Signature gathering should start in April.
- Educational Event – Maureen working with Towards Justice and Companeros about doing a three-part educational program in April: a program for the general community on wage theft, a know-your-rights training for workers and a “Just Wages Navigator training” for nonprofit professionals.
- Fundraising – Lynn reported on ideas & plans for 2016
- TERP – Later this month we will make phone follow up calls on letters sent out in January. So far we have nine new applications. Target for 2016 is 50. Next review of applications will be our first external review, on March 3
- Thrive! Interfaith Partners – Maureen sent out a letter (see attached) to several faith-based groups. Has heard back from two who were supportive but not able to commit at this time.
- FLC survey – to document how students spend their income, because there is perception in the community that students don’t need/deserve a living wage because they just use it for recreational purposes. Pilot survey of 15 to 20 students being done this week.

6:00 – 6:30 Pot Luck Dinner

6:30 – 7:30 Planning and Discussion

- Should Thrive! endorse: [Ban the Box legislation](#) ? 5 of 7 Steering Committee members in favor. Did not hear from two. Opinions varied at Coalition meeting: in line with our mission and principle vs. possibility of negative perception if we support this. Not everyone had read information about this legislation. Here is the link: <http://cclponline.org/our-issues/responsible-re-entry-to-employment-in-colorado/>. This document describes existing legislation in several states and includes exemptions.
- Fundraising brainstorming: Dave will contact Purgatory re ski passes. Dave suggested partnering with another organization for fundraising. Lynn suggested Know Your Dough.

Next Meeting March 14

Submitted by Maureen Maliszewski, 2/10/16