

## La Plata County Thrive! Living Wage Coalition Coalition Meeting Agenda June 13, 2016

**In Attendance:** Lynn Griffith, Maureen Maliszewski, Pat Rustad, Mike Rustad, Charlie Clements, Gwen Lachelt, Laura Lachelt

**5:30 – 6:15**

**Introductions and Updates** - *A special welcome to Laura, attending her first Thrive! Coalition Meeting. Thanks for joining us and we hope to see you again and again.*

Fundraising Committee Update

Look of Silence Fundraiser. 45-50 people attended. Raised about \$1000. Maybe best to have films at UUFD in future. "Suggested donation" good idea.

Rochester Hotel Secret Garden – Aug 10. Lynn attended orientation. Goal \$1500

Zia Flash Mob on Father's Day June 19.

Small Business Development Center will present workshop on "Avoiding Wage & Hour Violations for Businesses" on Thursday June 30, 9 – 11 AM at the First National Bank of Durango 259 W 9<sup>th</sup> St, Community Room. Cost \$25. For information call 970-247-7009. Register at <https://clients.coloradosbdc.org/workshop.aspx?ekey=170360089>.

Minimum Wage Ballot Measure. We have over 800 signatures and are half-way onto the campaign. We have reported the most signatures to date of all organizations gathering signatures!!!!!!!!!!!!

National Living Wage Employer Network – Several organizations in the US who certify living wage employers are having phone conferences every other month to discuss how we can support each other. This was previously coordinated by Interfaith Worker Justice but recently United for a Fair Economy has taken over this role. They are planning to develop a blog and an app which will locate certified living wage employers nationwide.

Green Drinks June 30 Carver's 5-6:45 PM.

### **Brainstorming....**

National Living Wage Employer Network : What would a national Living Wage Employer Network look like? What are potential benefits of organizations like Thrive! throughout the country working together? What could we do better together?

- Programs can learn from each other, share information
- Set standards
- An existing organization could coordinate network – United for a Fair Economy has expressed interest in being the lead organization
- Better exposure, recognition, branding
- Look at models of national certification

Do more work with workers. Discussed the idea of a workers center. Will continue discussion at next meeting.

Respectfully submitted 6/16/16 Maureen Maliszewski