

La Plata County Thrive! Living Wage Coalition
Meeting Minutes April 10, 2017

In Attendance: Steve Krest, Kaitlin Fischer, Mark Swanson, Ilona Hruska, Mia Carrasco-Songer, Nan Uhl, Nancy Fisher, Pat Rustad, Mike Rustad, Darren White, Sarah Wilhelm, Maureen Maliszewski

5:30 – 6:30 pm INTROS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thrive Employer Recognition Program (TERP) now has 100 employers! (listed on Thrive! website). Discussed possibility of Ad in Herald listing TERP employers. Mo will check budget. Charlie will look for a donation for ad.

Growing Partners Homegrown Food Retreat was April 8 – Kaitlin tabled

Thrive! was awarded a \$250 Matching Grant from Alpine Bank to put toward KSUT underwriting. Kaitlin is working with KSUT to select a package and create spots.

Dine Out Durango April 17-21 – spread the word. Comment, “like”, “going” on Thrive Facebook page.

Kaitlin is working with Cooking Matters to speak at a joint "Cooking and Money Matters" class being taught by Cooking Matters, Durango Adult Education Center, and First Southwest Bank--all certified living wage employers! The idea is to introduce students to Thrive! and invite them to attend a coalition meeting.

Durango Early Learning Center (an Aspiring Living Wage Employer) is having a fundraiser on April 27th from 5-7 PM at the Power House. \$15 for adults, \$5 for children. Half of the money raised gets put directly toward worker wages.

May Day (International Workers’ Day). Noon – 2pm, Santa Rita Park.

TERP Luncheon – Thursday May 11 at the Ore House.

Green Drinks – Last Thursday of the month, 5:00-6:45 Carvers

Tabling – Mia will discuss organizing this with Mo

Director Position will be discussed at Steering Committee meeting tonight.

Steering Committee – Members are Charlie Clements, Gwen Lachelt, Liz Ross, Pat Rustad, Mike Rustad, Peter Tregillus, Darren White, Sarah Wilhelm. Meeting following this Coalition Meeting.

Fundraising Committee (Mark, Ilona, Kathy Hall, Lynn Griffith) met April 5. Mark and Ilona helping with social media.

The TERP Committee has a meeting following Coalition meeting. We discussed the idea of having a listing of TERP Employer job openings on our website. Mo will discuss with our fiscal agent re 501c3. Also need to consider the work involved in this and who will take responsibility.

Next meeting May 8

Submitted 4/12/17. Maureen Maliszewski