

La Plata County Thrive! Living Wage Coalition

July 10, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Attending: Kaitlin Fischer, Steve Krest, Darren White, Mike Rustad, Pat Rustad, Grayson Mooney

5:30 PM – 6:00 PM Introductions & Updates

Living Wage

- the La Plata County Living Wage is recalculated annually and released July 1st
- data provided by Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado
- new hourly Living Wage for a single person in La Plata County is \$13.31

Local First's Be Local Coupon Book features employers paying a living wage in La Plata County.

Thrive! Employer Recognition Program (TERP) committee meets July 20th to review Living Wage Employer applications; next general TERP meeting is August 14th at 6:30 PM.

6:00 PM – 6:30 PM Potluck Dinner

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM Planning & Brainstorming

- **Paid Sick Leave**
 - Coalition planning how to work on unequal access for low-wage workers to paid sick days
 - join statewide coalition working on paid sick leave
 - support worker rights & dignity
- **Affordable Housing**
 - Coalition brainstorming about survey on affordable housing in La Plata County
 - online survey
- **Organizing low-wage workers**
 - Coalition brainstorming about empowering & including low-wage workers
 - orientation event
 - articles & letters to editor
 - parallel issues open forum for low-wage workers

Grayson Mooney presented with respect to joining the Steering Committee.

Next Coalition meeting August 14th.

Respectfully Submitted

Darren White

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