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Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2021

*Those in Attendance:*, Marilyn Rimmer, Mary Ann Gilpin, Christine Erickson, Jacci Grossenburg, Lorel Box, Richard DeFord, JaShawna Terry, Sara Boston, Michelle O’Donnell, Sarah Ferguson, Kady Najera, Cassy Cook, Abby DeVorss, Elizabeth Gifford, Martin Tichenar, Pam Sebastian, Jasmin Morales.

Meeting called to order at 10 am by President President David Van Horn, all were welcomed. We Welcomed back President David Van Horn to the meeting.

Sign in Sheet reminder David VanHorn,President

**Meeting Minutes for June** Presented by Jasmin Morales, Minutes sent out via email before the meeting today.

**Treasurer’s Report** as of July 27,2021 presented by Christine Erickson, Treasurer. Richard DeFord motioned to accept Treasurer’s Report as presented. Pam Sebastian second the motion. Approved by voice vote.

**PROGRAM:**

**Foster Grandparents**

**by Martin Tichenar**

Foster Grandparents, now funded by AmeriCorps Seniors, is a a community service program created to provide senior adult volunteers the opportunity to help enrich children’s lives, by becoming role models some children in the community may need. The Volunteers work with schools to help children, with special needs or children who are difficult circumstances. To join Foster Grandparents, you must be 55 or older. You must meet certain eligibility guidelines and go through an interview process before being accepted. Foster Grandparents, does pay their volunteers a fixed rate of $3 and hour, pay 54 ½ cents per mile driven if the volunteer is using their own transportation. If they do not have transportation it is provided to the through OATS Bus. They are also a provided 1 meal a day at the volunteer station they are at. Foster Grandparents is a program that allows adults seniors to remain mentally and physically active, it helps enhance their lives and gives them something to lok forward too. The children. They have 50 volunteers and have 5 awaiting orientation. They are looking for more volunteer and bi-lingual volunteers.

**Old Business:**

1. ***Meeting programs*** and sign up for 2021 contact Jacci Grossenburg. Currently full through November. Will provide signup sheet again in September to sign up and present what your agency or organization does. Michelle O’Donnell will be presenting at the next meeting in August. Daniel Leonard from Home State Health will present at the September meeting.
2. ***Homelessness issue*** and meeting update. There are no updates currently.
3. ***Project SHARE update*** -it is August 12; they are still looking for people to sign up. Those who would like to attend project share must fill out application.

*Stuff the Bus* will be August 7 at Walmart from 10-4 pm. Is an event to collect donations for supplies given out at project share volunteers are welcomed.

**NEW Business:**

1. ***Buddy Packs*** (food package) for next school year were discussed during the executive meeting. It is a food pack for children in need of food assistance outside of school and would help them and their families with food during the weekend. We propose to pay for two Buddy Packs this year, coming to a total cost of $360. The Buddy pack was first motioned at the executive meeting and was Second by Lorel Box.
2. ***Holiday Project*** will be December 7- 9. Meetings for the project will start after school begins in August.
3. ***Next Executive meeting***was set for August 24, but may collide with many agency schedules because school will start that same day. The meeting was 1st motioned by David VanHorn to be changed to August 31st and was 2nd by Lorel Box.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

**Richard DeFord, Chaplin-BC from Fitzgibbon- He** willteaching a free Greif Class, it is 8 week session with class starting July 12, 2021,. Class will be on on Mondays from 6 pm- 7:30 pm. Class and book is free of charge. There has been a rise in covid-19 cases in the community affecting our older and younger community members. All are encouraged to vaccinate. The goal is to get 70% of our community to get vaccinated to accomplish herd immunity, currently 39% percent of the county is vaccinated. Fitzgibbon will be hosting walk-in clinics starting in august and flyer with dates, locations and times will be sent out along with the minutes.

**Sarah Lake & Kady Najera from Missouri Valley Community Action Agency Head Start –** They are still working on getting recruitments, they accept recruitments and applications for the program all year round. They have signs they place outside all year round to get recruitments so if anyone is interested, please let Kady or Sarah know. Call them at 660-886-9980 or 660-886-7476 ext 1209.

*Nourishing Neighbors* food distribution at 166 W. Court Street Mondays 10am-2pm Wednesdays 2pm – 6pm and Thursdays 10am -2pm.

They have an amended Statement that will be provided along with minutes email.

**Lorel Box from Ministerial Alliance-** Retirement homes have started to open again, but with rising covid cases some are in the process of closing again. The Salvation Army is low on money.

**Pam Sebastian from Ministry Alliance, Rise, and HABITAT.** Meals on wheels do daily food deliveries and need drivers to help deliver food. Is looking to get a grant from Buckner Foundation and may be able to hire a delivery person. First Presbyterian Church will host an Ice Cream Social for the Missouri Bicentennial on August 10, 2021. HABITAT was donated a Four bedroom and 2-bathroom home from Slater, will be able to invest $50,00 to renovate the home.

**Elizabeth Gifford from Family Services Division.** They need more foster homes in which to place kids in need. Many kids are being homed in different counties, there are only three foster homes in Saline County.

**Sarah Boston from Center of Human Services.** They offer community and center-based activities. Their residents are now to volunteer work face to face and have many who are interested and excited in helping where it is needed.

**Cassy Cook and Abby Devorss from Center for Human Services-** Are in the process of expanding their new model of host homes where they have homes trained to host an adult individual with intellectual disabilities.

**Michelle O’Donnell from EQUUS Workforce Solutions-** They help people and families restabilize and remove any barriers that may be in their way. They assist with temporary needs and help with obtaining resources. Will works with United Way on hosting a Resource Fair on August 6th from 10 AM – 3 PM. Will participate the Projects S.H.A.R.E., The Pettis County Community Baby Shower, and the Johnson County Back to School Event. Flyers have been sent out but will attached along with minutes email.

**Lashawna Terry from Powerhouse Ministries.** Recovery Support Services provided for substance, alcohol abuse, and mental health**.** The program has many classes to help people get back on their feet. They will host a Drug and Opioid Training with Katy Trail on August 20, 2021. They are currently taking new intakes for the program. The Summer food program will be ending a week before school starts.

**Mary Ann Gilpin from United Way.** The board approved 7 non-profits for the 2021-22 funding group.

*Spaghetti Supper Drive* will be hosted October 7th at the Knights of Columbus.

**Jacci Grossenburg from the Mental Health Association-** They ow the Burrell Building and have Burrell working within the schools. They Have distributed the “Are you ok?” t-shirts. Jacci reminded us with the ongoing heat that the YMCA is a Cooling site where people can go to if they need relief from the heat.

**Christine Erickson with Missouri Valley Community Action Agency**-

-With Covid cases rising they have locked their door, requires an appointment. You call when you have arrived and are to enter with a mask. Those who received energy assistance will be given an extra $100.

**Jasmin Morales from Katy Trail Community Health-** Katy trail is still offering walk-ins every day for Pfizer and J&J vaccines. They will be providing free vaccinations at Shopping Under the Sun on August 7, 2021. If any agency is interested in hosting a vaccination event, we can help facilitate it, for more information please call us at 660-886-8584.

**Dates to remember:**

**August 07**  Stuff the Bus at Walmart 10 AM- 4PM

**August 7** Marshall RISE Clothing Giveaway 10AM – 5PM

**August 7** Shopping Under the Sun 10 AM- 4 PM

**August 10** Project Homeless Shelter Meeting 6PM at the First Assembly of God

**August 10** Ice Cream Social for the Missouri Bicentennial First Presbyterian Church

**August 12** Project SHARE event

**October 7th**Spaghetti Supper Drive

President David Van Horn adjourned meeting at 11:15am.

August 31, 2021, is the next regular meeting 10 AM at the American Legion Hall.

Please invite other agencies to join us for the next meeting.