

Somerset Circles Guiding Coalition Meeting

November 12, 2008
Minutes

Attendees: Kimberly Cowart, Maggie D'Aversa, Brock Haussamen, Tonya Jenkins, Laura Knipmeyer, Loren Lemelle, David Livingston, Teresa Neidich, Lynn Weckworth, Laura Wetzel

Start of meeting: 4:36 pm

New and Good introductions were shared with committee assignments.

Meeting minutes of October 22, 2008 were approved.

Team activity and reports:

Coordinator Activity (Kay for Bruce)

- Bruce has scheduled one family interview for Nov 20th. Other family contacts were made through Habitat for Humanity and SCCOAH.
- Everyone is asked to send additional referrals for Circle Leader candidates to Bruce
- Bruce will become a certified Bridges Out of Poverty trainer in December.
- Members volunteered to assist as Getting Ahead facilitators (Laura Wetzel, Laura Knipmeyer, Brock Haussamen, Lynn Weckworth).
- A link for Somerset Circles is planned for the NORWESCAP website. Website structure proposed in writing by Ken was reviewed. Feedback:
 - Make it clear from the NORWESCAP page that we are recruiting
 - Make it easy to choose at the outset from two paths, whether you are already familiar with Circles or new.
 - Make it interactive, as the Obama site
 - The proposal from Ken was accepted
 - A draft of the website with its incorporated exhibits will be presented to the GC before it goes live

Resources Subcommittee (Loren)

- The Annie E Casey webinar on transportation was well attended by GC members
- Loren volunteered to follow up on the car donation program
- Terry suggested to request donations from corporations as they phase out company cars

Community Subteam (David/Kim/Theresa/Brock)

- A meeting arrangement is available for Thursdays at the Vo-Tech from 5:00 – 9:00 pm in the Community Room.
- The planned start date for Getting Ahead class will be Jan 15, 2009
- Insurance forms and Hold Harmless Agreement were given to Terry
- Child care professionals from the Learning Gate will be available at \$10/hour. Provisions will be made for leaving toys on the site.
- A local pizzeria can provide food at \$10/pizza.

- The subteam is still working on:
 - Someone to research transportation
 - A manual for GC members to organize the logistics for each of the meetings
 - A calendar for signing up GC volunteers to cover logistics for each Getting Ahead class. Each volunteer will bring one non-Circles member to the meeting
 - Agenda for Circles meetings with families

Circles Subteam (Kay)

- Kay presented to CEAS.
- The team forwarded website recommendations
- First Circle leader candidate interview is Nov 20th

Next Steps and Meeting Schedule

- Next meetings: Dec 3rd and 18th at 29 Warren and January 8th at the Vo-Tech Community Room (Dress rehearsal for starting Getting Ahead class on Jan 15th.)

Adjourn: 6:01 pm