



Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting

Date: December 10, 2013
Place: Felege Hiywot Center
Time: 6:00 – 7:30 PM
Dinner: 5:30PM

A = absent, P = present

P	Aster Bekele	P	Gene Ford	A	Mary Studley
P	Chris Rothenberger	A	Lauren Nowlin	A	Nicole Oglesby
P	Darye Henry	P	Lynn Wiegand	A	Ralph Taylor

Important Dates:

- Garden party April 5th 2014
- FHC Day With Pacers April 6th 2014
- Science fair at IPS 69 and 51, week of Feb 17th, 2014
- Youth summit- Building safe neighborhood one youth at a time Feb 1st, 2014
- Youth Farm Start working tentative Saturday Jan 18th, 2014

Guests: Nakiea Lomax, Youth leader

1. Welcome and approval of last meeting minutes
2. Minutes and important dates reviewed.
3. Review of center activities: Aster presented at Neighbor Power, discussed our youth leadership program and how she addressed challenges at the center as an executive director. She stressed how important it has been to give a level of control to the youth while being prepared to support and supplement their plans. Neighborhood Resource Power organization came together and talked about engaging neighborhood youth. Aster discussed her approach and successes. The top 3 priorities for success were independence, (learning to lead and make mistakes), security for the future and determining direction and coming together and giving back to the community. Creativity soared when the youth were given the freedom to lead. Peer to peer collaboration was the most exciting part for ongoing success. Aster stressed the importance of allowing the youth to determine their goals and stepping back to allow the process develop while being there for support and redirection.
4. FHC (Aster) received several awards in the 4th quarter, from the Black Nurses Association for Health and Nutrition, African Center for Community Engagement, McCoy
5. North View Christian Community Church volunteers came on November 2 and helped with winter clean up, expanded gardens to other side of the building. PNC volunteers also came and continued clean up efforts. By the time Major Tool came for their annual fall clean up, the remaining work was manageable and completed in half a day.

6. Youth workers are still present and working on Saturdays to support and plan for ongoing projects and next summer.
 1. Nakiea Lomax, youth counselor, talked about ongoing plans and activities that the youth staff is working on: attended Youth Summit at McCoy, presented summer program at radio show on 1310. Wants to start recruitment of students for youth farm and leadership team soon to prepare for the summer. Several grants were submitted to assist in funding workers. Carissa is trying to set up a regular spot on the radio on 1310 on Saturday morning show at 10:30 "Medically Speaking" segment.
 2. Youth staff is also working on job descriptions, planning and expectations for the year; focus is now on obtaining youth employment grants.
 3. Another goal is to grow /produce more vegetables, selling them, marketing, etc. CSA- family pays fee, we give them a set level of produce weekly. 20 families wanted FHC to do this a few years ago, now ready to support this type of program.
 4. Bicycle Blvd: went to planning meeting to develop bike trails, they proposed for trail to come thru FHC neighborhood.
 5. Planning is underway for Pacer fundraiser on April 6' 2014. More info to come.
 6. Discussion about finding a student/youth employee /volunteer able and willing to be a media specialist and develop a video package for the FHC story. May need to consider a grant for a professional to provide the service.
7. Budget Discussion: 2014 budget was discussed. Chris Rothenberger motioned to approve, Lynn Wiegand seconded the motion with revisions, budget approved. Final copy to be distributed.
8. Green 3: FHC will be utilizing this firm to provide us with a continuous flow of grant opportunities; cost is \$350 per grant.
9. Meeting closed at 7:35 PM.
Next meeting January 14th 2014