



Felege Hiywot Center
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2013

Present:

Aster Bekele	Darye Henry
Gene Ford	Ralph Taylor
Chris Rothenberger	Lauren Nowlin
Lynn Wiegand	
Guest: Quincey Murphy	

Absent: Nicole Oglesby
Mary Studley

Opening: The regular monthly meeting of the FHC Board of Directors was called to order by board president, Darye Henry at 6:07 PM on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 in the Felege Hiywot Center.

Minutes approved from last 3 meetings per email board approval

Updates:

Aster -

- Board recruitment: We continue to look for qualified people. Introduced Quincy Murphy, an employee at Martindale Brightwood CDC. He played a big part in the IUPUI research project and interacted in a positive way with the youth. Would like board to get to know him and possibly incorporate him into our projects/board. It is important to get the voice of the younger generation in the community and Quincy is a perfect representative.
- FHC is the leader organization for the Martindale Brightwood (MB) Quality of Life Plan – Health Promotion section. By utilizing the partnership FHC has with Community Hospital, we like to work on this section and have a strategy on how the community can meet the health needs of the residents. Quincy will be able to mobilize the youth of MB so we can include their imputes/needs in the Health promotion section. At the same time, we are in charge of collecting the voice of MB youth for the North East Quality Life Plan, NEQLP, (Plan which includes 8 neighborhoods). Quincy is willing to lead this project by applying his experience from the IUPUI research. We will also be using this outcome for both Health Promotion and NEQLP. Quincy's team includes Duane Pulliam and Nakiea Lomax from our summer camp participants and Sulaiman Mahmoud, Martin University student who is active in the community.



Garden Party:

- Scheduled for April 13 at 37 Place. An event planner, Robin Henry, will be organizing the event in conjunction with Aster, Idamarie and Darye. Priorities are to publicize and notify key people ahead of time finding an emcee and speaker. Possible speakers are Lincoln Saunders, Director of Public Affairs, Green B.E.A.N. Delivery, Dan Hodgkins, Vice President Community Benefit and Economic Redevelopment of Community Health Network. Lincoln is very active in the urban farm project and supports FHC's Urban education effort. His involvement can bring FHC closer to the urban farm community. Dan Hodgkins, a community leader in health, has been a supporter of our program since 2006. He can boost our effort to a higher level by bringing officials from the city. Board decided to have Lincoln to be a keynote speaker and Dan to be an award recipient from FHC.
- Things to be working on, special awards...programs, printing, consider silent auction items...sponsorships info and ticket info to come. As Aster and Robin finish the need list, they will be sending request to Board members to assist in needed tasks.
- Suggestion was made to send a save the date to our supporters/ invitees. Sponsorship packet is done and will be sent out soon. Includes a short cover letter, packet of facts/program details, donation options.
- Community Hospital: Dietary department/chefs will develop menu and will have their chefs and dieticians oversee the event. Capacity is 160 people. 37 Place is totally renovated and ready to host events.

Food Project

- Training trip to Boston: Aster, Bryan, director from the Paramount school, and the nurse from Community Hospital went to Boston to visit the urban garden program/training conference to understand how the program will merge into the community. Boston Food Project is the model across the US that brings students into the process, pays them a stipend, work on resumes, learn the programs, and work the program. They return the next year as lead workers. The program provides guidance and templates for the entire training, curriculum, and project. Aster and Bryan will be presenting the plan to Community Hospital and neighborhood leaders and show them how they can be incorporated into FHC's project. We have invited Congressman Andre Carson and his staff to attend so they can learn our effort in the MB community he represents. This presentation is scheduled for Monday, February 25 at 1:00 at FHC.

Grants:

- LISC awarded FHC \$5,000 grant for Youth Farm employment during summer of 2013. We are also waiting to hear from Summer Youth Program Fund and PeyBack foundation. Several grants are being worked on. Will be applying to a grant through Kellogg, as well as others. Dan from Community Hospital has helped in writing other grants and has a good template established.



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Cultivating
Community Growth
By Tending the
Youth

Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my Brethren; you did it to me. Matthew 25:40

Greenhouse:

- Chris reported that the footers are done.... work is progressing, weather permitting.
- Chris requested that reminders be sent out on a more regular basis about board projects and expectations.

Next meeting is March 12, 2013 at 6:00 PM

Adjourned at 7:30