

Felege Hiywot Center
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2013

Present:

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| Aster Bekele | Denise Oglesby |
| Mary Studley | Lynn Wiegand |
| Darye Henry | Ralph Taylor |

Absent:

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| Lauren Nowlin | Gene Ford |
| Chris Rothenberger | |

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Aster Bekele.

Welcome

Approval of last month's minutes: approved

*Garden Party: Letters went out last week to sponsors and supporters. Second round of invitations being sent this week. Sponsor packets were sent to about 7-10 companies. The information will be on-line in next few days. After compiling all of our data and achievements into one packet, feedback has been positive and is creating grant opportunities.

Also creating a package /folder for each attendee that contains our data/information. Video is being worked on to be shown at event.

Food: Beef Brisket, salad, cheesecake (create your own topping) courtesy of Community Hospital chefs

Silent Auction: Colt's football, jewelry, artwork to be sold, please try to get donations for the auction.

Purdue Ext: looking to get Ethiopian artifacts to sell

Speaker: Lincoln, Director of Public Affairs for Green Bean Delivery, on board at Gleaners, will be speaking.

Want to do something special for Duane....due to our focus on youth, Quincy is going to be emcee....our teen youth will each tell their story and the impact that FHC has had on their lives. Honor Dan from Community Hospital during event. Suggestion was made to contact mayor's office to be included in their event newsletter.

Details of supplies being worked out. Ethiopian food and ladies will be contributing their food and time. Youth of MB will be expressing what they learned/gained and something will be presented to Mrs. Pat Ladd during the event.

Robin, our event planner, will be present at the Garden Party event that day managing details and providing input.

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

Quality of Life plan goal is to form a lasting youth engagement group... Quincy and Sulaiman are in leadership positions, will train Duane and Nakiea to get the foundation of the goals to ultimately increase youth engagement in the community. Community cleaning will be taking place on April 20, will start to connect with the youth voice and will be a good opportunity to engage local youth.

Facilities: Green house.... Same as last month due to weather...as soon as weather breaks, ready to go and work on it. Mulching/trimming will be done by MTM soon. May also include maintenance of the orchard.

Strategy completed- report sent to funders: Presented to Indianapolis Foundation, very impressed and feedback was positive. Liz will connect us to someone in the foundation to facilitate additional grants. Also willing to pay for 4H registration fees for 600 students, which will allow them to compete, make our program more official/legitimate.

Science Fair at IPS 69: The high performing students will be pulled and focus on science fair projects. Would like to invite our partners to the full day science fair event. 6th graders will lead fair, and participate in a right of passage to the 5th graders. Program being worked out for the day to be held on May 17. Dow, Purdue, zoo will attend. All 3 schools will be involved: 51,56,69, to be held at IPS 69.

IPL check of \$2500 received, another 5K matching funds coming soon from Community.
Applied to Peyton Manning,
IYI Professional development grant \$750 received for used to buy books in Boston for the Youth Farm Project
Kellogg – being written
LISK – 5K for youth farm employment
Meeting adjourned at 7:25

Next month's meeting to be held at 6:00, April 9th at 37 Place so that we can prepare for garden party that Saturday.

Submitted by: Lynn Wiegand
Approved by: Aster Bekele

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