

Minutes of Heart & Soul Meeting, June 7, 2018

Attendees: Les and Pat Klinefelter, Steve Masson (coach), Greg Noyes, Georgiana Carr, Laura Thibodeau, Connie Jackson, Rene Fortin (Reach Out), Cathy Griffin and Tammy Lamoreaux(NEKCA), Jonah Cote, Christine Cote, Terrie Herr

Introductions

- Welcome to Pat Klinefelter, Renee Fortin, and Cathy Griffin!

Review agenda

- No notes on who moved, seconded, but was approved

Previous Minutes

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Review of mini-meeting re: Canaan H.S. Senior exit interview

- Frankie and Terrie met with the Seniors on June to discuss the upcoming Alumni Banquet, being a Canaan Alumni, and an exit interview
- Terrie handed out a paper (attached) that she typed up centering on what it meant to her to be an alumni from Canaan as well as what the Alumni Banquet represented. Unfortunately, only 5 out of the 22 recent graduates attended the banquet.
- Discussion ensued at our meeting stating that it was costly for a family of 6 to attend the alumni banquet. Perhaps a kids menu could be offered. Skype the banquet in order for those who are unable to attend to be able to see what is going on. Place a recording of the banquet on YouTube. Have free babysitting services offered in order for the adults to attend, perhaps involving Key Club or similar.
- Terrie said she would follow up with Patricia for her to share with the other committee members.
- Frankie took the lead on the exit interview with the Seniors. He went over the handout (attached) step by step and a compilation of numbers was taken as well as comments. Update to follow with the numbers as I can't find them at this time.
- At this time, Terrie has not heard anything from them via email.
- It was brought up to write a grant on creating a survey/study on Where Are You Now? With Alumni, comparing with what they wanted to do at graduation to what they are doing now, etc. This could be done quarterly.

NECKA meeting

- Cathy Griffin discussed the issue of communication –going forward to make NEKCA easier to access
- Food shelf items could be handed out when there was no one at NEKCA by getting in touch with either Indian Stream Clinic (attached to the building) or at the Grace Community Church (across the street)
- Working together with the community
- Poverty is the primary focus
- No increases from the past 20 years, that's why a significant drop in availability exists
- Teen Center

- They are looking for 2 people to run the program in Canaan and as 20 hour positions.
- Four hours/day. Foodbank drop 1st Monday of the month and Tuesdays the individual would not be in Canaan, but would be in Island Pond.
- They are searching for other avenues for funding the program
- Offering training in softskills (getting ready for employment)
- They are willing to write grants for Teen activities, as an example
- Encourage new people to town with a “welcome basket”. Opportunities to touch base with the community could be at Canaan Schools Open House or Town Meeting
- Non-profits need to advocate together to get more money; develop a plan with NEKCA to get there
- Grants – Tillotson, Ben & Jerry’s, research, Rural Edge
- Steve explained the Heart and Soul process to those in attendance.
- Renee stated that low income people have no access for information
- A creation of pamphlets of services, make it known, Town newsletter; perhaps a school project?
- Use some money we have to help out.

Not Age Limit – Community Center

- Jonah discussed the recent mini-session on May 17 (handout attached) describing the possibilities of a community center at the carriage house attached to the Alice Ward Memorial Library

Terrie had to leave the meeting. Will update after listening to recording.

Upcoming Events

Financial Update

New Business

Old Business:

Next Full Meeting

- **June 7, 2018** at the Town Office, 5:30-6:30
- Snacks are encouraged

Motion to Adjourn:

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