

Celebrating Diversity

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Meeting – February 1, 2012

1. Call to Order: 12:01

2. Welcome

3. Approval of Minutes:

4. Approval of Agenda

Mission Statement – “Working together to create communities that celebrate diversity by actively practicing and promoting dignity, respect and inclusiveness.”

5. Project Updates:

– Respect Presentations and Public Launch planned February 16th

1. Morning on the border, booked – Trudy and Jerry will do with Randy. Randy will contact Trudy day or two prior.
2. Ad- under promotional material, and education, we have money. Peggy and Sue will develop and place ads.
3. Respect presentation at Boston Pizza, Dale Fortes suggested we have a public presentation for business owners, lounge any time you want, daytime – morning or early afternoon. We need to confirm with Tanner Bell.
4. Get people trained, for respect campaign, as presenters. Trudy has a list. Will circulate a couple of dates via e-mail.
5. Posters need completion. Heather Campbell will co-ordinate final design with Tanner Bell tomorrow, then get the designs to Linda Plumridge Tomorrow for printing. Anne Renaud will have posters dropped off at businesses once they are done. Will also send posters to Atikokan/ Rainy River.
6. Peggy and Susan will send emails out announcing launch to their broad e-mail list, on the 15 or 16.

– CCMARD – Anne McCoy will get back to us on First Nations involvement when she hears from Rebecca Johnson.

– Day of Pink

1. Will celebrate in community on April 11, 2012, emails to all the schools, encourage them to wear pink,
2. Catholic board supporting the day as well,
3. RRDVSP purchased shirts for volunteers, encouraged to wear last year, will do the same this year.
4. Could we encourage BIA and Chamber of Commerce to participate?
5. UNFC- will have a staff meeting. Steve will discuss plans to celebrate the day, they were strong supporters last year
6. Need to do press release to talk about and encourage participation, and to link it to the RESPECT campaign

– RRDMA

- Presentation made by Peggy and Linda last Saturday at municipal association for Safe Communities and introducing the Respect Campaign.

– New Website

The new web site will be going live shortly, Thank you to Jerry for his help. Request each partner send pictures or information on what they are doing, or good resources, etc. to either Linda – linda@fortfrances.com or Jerry – jia_wu@hotmail.ca.

– Member Updates

- Confederation College – is hiring a wellness and diversity assistant, who will probably run program a month co-ordinating with what is going on at the main conference.
- Riverside – planning Respect presentations for all staff at all facilities. We will schedule this once we hear back from Riverside Management.
- 93.1 The Border – happy to be a part of Celebrating Diversity
- High School – Acts of Kindness pillars, leadership group starting up, Day of the Pink
- Shane Bliss will also come in place of Diane Ross who will be retiring, They are currently involved with Restorative justice training and becoming more inclusive. Suggest a Pledge to go along with Day of Pink. Pledge to stop bullying.
- Character –Ed committee, Friends of Rachel clubs received funding,
- UNFC- Rachel's Challenge – has money to help school with Rachel's Challenge clubs, Report must be completed for the grant. .
- Catholic School Board – tree of warm wishes, program of St. Francis student council - potted plant with candies, give to someone – passing along acts of kindness, pots passed along and track where they are going over the year. Student leadership, gr 7 & 8, event – think Fast – fasting and learning about what is happening globally. Solidarity meal,
- OPP- Salt – 5 trained presenters for elder abuse, restorative justice, peer to peer. This has been an important committee as the seniors have become engaged, motivated and enthusiastic about everything.
- Meals on wheels- Anne has passed list of names to Gaby Hanzuk
- Victim Services – supporting people, working with Safe Communities, National Victims of Crime week, 2 day workshop for trauma recovery, always recruiting new volunteers. Would like to offer Respect presentation to volunteers.
- Town of F.F. - no judge in our area, Law association came to the town to help regarding lack of judge, We are unique, we know we need a judge, International border, no RCMP, # stats, Law school in TBay, Won't be able to attract lawyers, 4 judges in Kenora, 2 in Dryden, 0 here. The town is lobbying to keep a resident judge here.
- We will offer support for a local judge from our committee.

6. Adjournment

7. Next Meeting – Wednesday, Mar 7, 2012, Fort Frances Public Library Technology Centre

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