

Celebrating Diversity

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Celebrating Diversity Minutes – May 2, 2012

1. Anne Renaud called meeting to order, minutes taken by Amy LaFroy
2. Anne welcomed everyone, everyone introduced themselves
3. Last month's minutes were not sent out, therefore no approval of minutes
4. Agenda approved, no additional ad-ons
Anne read aloud the Mission Statement
5. Nancy Tulloch - Regional Advisor, Regional Services Branch, Ontario
Ministry of Citizenship & Immigration and Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport
 - Who are we? What we do?, passed out PPP notes
 - Support community development by working with municipalities, aboriginal communities and not-for-profit organizations
 - Deliver government programs and services at the community level
 - Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat: Volunteer Service Awards celebrated 25th anniversary in 2011, Lincoln M Alexander Award – recognizes young people who have demonstrated excellent leadership in eliminating racial discrimination deadline May 31st. Online applications on Ministry Website
 - Anne Renaud opened table for questions
 - Steve Latimer and Peggy invited Nancy to the Inter Agency Committee meetings
 - Anne thanked Nancy for coming
6. Project Updates:
 - Respect Presentations
 - April 14, 2012 United Church in Emo, very well attended including people from Atikokan and Dryden
 - Peggy presented to volunteer group – very well received
 - Steve and Trudy – Riverside presented to managers, received a letter to deliver presentation across their entire agency!

(aside) May 28th at the Rendezvous, Hate Crimes one day workshop by Stephen Camp with Edmonton Police Services.

- CCMARD – No updates to report
- Day of Pink: CMHA, brought pictures to share, reformed entire office in pink, gave out pink carnations, bought T-shirts for all staff
RR High school – Week of PINK! Promoted inclusiveness with bracelets, students were encouraged to “speak to someone whom you’ve never spoken to before”
TNCDSB – St. Michael’s, St. Francis and St. Patrick’s school participated with wearing pink clothing and anti-bullying activities
RBC and Friendship center also participated

(suggestion) – to post all Day of Pink pictures to Celebrating Diversity website – Anne will send out an email with Tanner and Jerry’s email to post pictures

Member Updates:

- Steve Latimer – Rachel’s Challenge Student Leadership Award to graduating students at the eight school with RC Clubs, A meeting will be set up to further discuss with board reps to encourage the on-going RC clubs within the schools next year and beyond
 - TNCSB – Celebrating Catholic Education Week May 6-11, invite all community to celebrate and visit our Catholic schools during this special week to participate in school events.
 - Girl Guides of Canada – to include a Code of Conduct for parents to sign as a family to promote positive conduct within their organization, pleased to provide the resource to other community organizations (ie. Sports teams)
 - Bill – shared a story of respect and racism within a community service meeting
 - RR High School – Tanner – Student Council continues to support Rachel’s Challenge Acts of Kindness Links project, Native Awareness Week – Accepting Diversity activities within the school “Dunk tank”
 - Children’s Mental Health Day – May 7th at Boston Pizza, RR High School teen group wrote, produced, directed “Stop the Stigma” video, 2 day Cultural Awareness Training and fish fry with Dennis Copenance
 - Mental Health Awareness Week - May 8th with Dr. Michael Evans. Handed out many fact sheet pamphlets including “Kids Have Stress Too”
 - RRDSB – Heather spoke of Effective and Respective Use of Technology implementation project in the board
 - Peggy – “Respect it lives here” Grant report completed and sent to Ministry, thanks to Ian Simpson
 - Anne Renaud – Safetalk and Gen Y workshops, May 23rd, email her to attend. College reps on their way to Chile and Brazil – thanked community for support
7. Adjournment
8. Next meeting – Wednesday, June 6, 2012, Fort Frances Public Library Technology Centre