

Carbon County Partners for Progress

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Meeting Notes of May 20, 2011

Present: George Ashman, Bill Moyer, Dawn Ferrante, Ron Blisard, Wayne Nothstein, Doug Makofka, Jeanne Miller, Elissa Thorne, Ron Gower, Melanie Ziegler, Cyndi Zimmerman

Welcome: The meeting was called to order by Elissa Thorne at 8:30 a.m.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for April 2011 was presented by Elissa Thorne. A motion to accept the report as presented was made by Ron Blisard, seconded by Wayne Nothstein and carried.

Acceptance of April Minutes: The April Minutes were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by George Ashman, seconded by Cyndi Zimmerman and carried.

Leadership Project Ideas: Elissa announced that a new Leadership Carbon website has been launched. The site can be accessed at LeadershipCarbon.com. Elissa reported the format of the program has been revised. The program completed will receive a Leadership Certification from LCCC. There will not be a Youth Leadership program this year.

Summer Meeting Schedule: Discussion was held on suspending the meeting schedule during the summer months. It was the consensus of the group to reconvene in September. There will be no meeting in June, July or August. A motion to cancel the monthly meetings of June, July and August was made by Dawn Ferrante, seconded by Jeanne Miller and carried.

Community Foundation: Dawn Ferrante reported that a meeting was held by the Carbon County Economic Development Foundation to discuss the original vision of that organization and how a new foundation would "fit". Talks will continue toward a merger of the two foundations. An Ad Hoc Committee will be formed to meet with the Board and discuss the development of bylaws, etc.

Child & Family Collaborative: Jeanne Miller reported the Collaborative is moving towards a program to provide a counselor in the classroom. 40 area teachers participated in a teacher training program.

The Shine program will be offering camps in the summer for 200 students. High priority occupations will be highlighted along with healthy lifestyle choices. A program for 6-7-8 grade students will also be held for 4 weeks. The SHINE2 group from Philadelphia spent time in Carbon County and visited the Carbon County Environmental Education Center.

A program on Diversity at School was held at Penn-Kidder Elementary School. The parents of SHINE participants prepared food for the program.

Jeanne also reported SHINE representatives will be co-presenting at a National Afterschool Program Conference in March 2012. They have been selected as one of four groups by the United States Department of Education.

Carbon County Chamber of Commerce: A strategic planning workshop will be held on June 4th. The organization is on better financial ground at this time and will work on remolding the mission.

Presentation: A presentation about "What's New on the D & L Trail?" was made by H. Scott Everett, Stewardship and Trail Manager of the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, Inc. The East Penn Trail dedication will be held in the summer. A D & L Marathon will be held in October. A bike ride will be offered from the East Penn Boat Launch to the Slatington Trailhead on Saturday, June 4th @ 10 a.m. All are welcome to participate.

Next Meeting Date: Information on the next meeting will be distributed in September.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cyndi Zimmerman