

## Carbon County Partners for Progress

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Meeting Notes of October 14, 2010

**Present:** Elissa Thorne, Wayne Nothstein, George Ashman, Peter Kern, Jeanne Miller, Larissa Kimmel, Pat Sasserath, Mel Zeigler

President Elissa Thorne welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 8:30AM.

**Treasurer's Report:** There was no report.

**Acceptance of Minutes:** The minutes of 9/17/10 were accepted on a motion by George Ashman 2nd: by Jeanne Miller

**Correspondence:** None

**Family Collaborative:** Jeanne Miller reported she will be making a presentation about Carbon County mental health issues to the CC Commissioners on December 1, 2010 and will show the slide show "The Good, the Bad, the Ugly...". Two areas of interest are prioritized: 1) establish clinical home model in a school district and 2) expand SHINE in Palmerton and Weatherly. Also, "Training Beyond the Classroom Walls" program for educators has been initiated. Pat Sasserath reported on a transportation initiative with the Children's Roundtable. It includes a work component as well as after work hours to get families to community hubs. She asked that CCPFP support these initiatives and attend related events.

**Leadership Carbon:** The decision was made to take a break for the 2010-2011 class year to revamp program and get support from past alumni. The steering committee is meeting to plan and move strategy forward.

**Community Foundation:** Elissa Thorne, Barb Franzosa and Doug Makofka are meeting to move this forward. A meeting is planned for the first week in November. They hope to have a plan to present to the board in the near future.

**Economic & Heritage Development:** Peter Kern reported the CC Chamber of Commerce would be holding their annual dinner on October 25. Cost is \$34 per person. The event will be held at the Mahoning valley Country Club with catering by Macaluso's. With a maximum capacity of 175, reservations should be made asap. He also reported the CCCC is operating with more volunteers. While it has lost some members, it is re-building. Facilitators have been identified for a board strategic planning workshop. Elissa Thorne reported that Lansford is pursuing a historic district nomination. She noted the Delaware & Lehigh NHC will be hosting its annual partner dinner at Hotel Bethlehem. Jack Koehler from Weatherly will receive an award. Also awards will be given to Lehigh Gorge State Park and House Speaker Keith McCall. She reported the new trail link between Lehigh Gorge State Park and downtown Jim Thorpe is popular with residents and visitors. A foot bridge will be built to Lock #1 with money that is in place from Penn DOT. Construction on it should commence in 2012. George Ashman reported that Palmerton is working on a historic district designation too. A professional has been contracted to survey properties that are historical significant. Peter Kern mentioned a 1909 article that was reprinted in the Times News noting progress (or lack of it) in Carbon County.

There was general discussion about issues PFP should address in 2011. They include:

- involvement by school districts
- Relative to meetings – host them on a quarterly basis, provide food and speaker
- Focus on one or two topics at Involvement by youth and industry
- More each quarterly with executive committee meeting at other times
- At the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, host a one hour brainstorming session. Elissa will send an email asap

Jeanne Miller reported SHINE will host a Lights On Celebration on October 21 at Panther Valley High School. The goal is to have 500 attend.

**Next Meeting-** November 19<sup>th</sup> at LCCC Nesquehoning Campus at 8:30AM