

Carbon County Partners for Progress

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Meeting Notes of September 17, 2010

Present: Elissa Thorne, Wayne Nothstein, George Ashman, , Pat Sasserath, Peter Kern, Cyndi Zimmerman, S Kew-Goodale, Joe Guardiani, Melanie Zeigler, Barbara Franzosa

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

Treasurer's Report: Joe Guardiani reported that the grant from the DCED has concluded; included and update to our plan and community survey; exceeded the total by \$600; the DCED has accepted. The 990 has been filed and the audit is complete. We did not receive the LC checkbook from the Chamber, but we did get the information we needed for our report. Treasurer's report accepted on motion by Cyndi Zimmerman; 2nd by pat Sasserath

Acceptance of Minutes: Accepted on motion by Joe Guardiani and 2nd: by George Ashman

Correspondence: Barbara Franzosa will send out a thank you note to Paul Canevari/PPL for their donation.

Leadership Carbon: Elissa reported that LC is taking a year off to reorganize

Health & Human Services: Pat Sasserath reported that the dental van is in the process of finding a new dentist, have a candidate who is interviewing; looking to expand to adults and are addressing issues that will arise when starting with adults; dental hygienists now have an expanded roll so are adjusting the program for that as well.

Chamber of Commerce: Heather McClure is new office administrator(25hr/wk)...working on the new website....in reorganization process.

Business/Education: Cyndi Zimmerman reported BEP is reorganizing as well; there is a meeting next Thursday at the Kovatch Conference Center at 9AM; received a \$40,000 grant from Dept of L&I to be shared with Pike, Monroe, and Wayne Counties. New website is under construction: www.ccbep.org

Family Collaborative: [reported in absentia by Jeanne Miller](#) **The Carbon County Child and Family Collaborative had its bimonthly meeting on August 11th, 2010. The cross-training was conducted by the Carbon County Juvenile Fire Starters Task Force. A team from Carbon County made up of school officials, MH-MR, D&A, Right from the Start, LCCC SHINE and AHEC went to look At Bethlehem School Districts Community School Model. The committee also met to discuss where we need to go with our Carbon County**

Building Blocks Plan. The Ad Hoc Committee will report on its findings and suggestions at October Collaborative meeting. The collaborative will look to work with other county partners to fight drug / alcohol use by the young people of Carbon County. The collaborative is formulating a statement concerning the problem of drug/ alcohol use by the young people in Carbon County.

Economic & Heritage Development : Wayne Nothstein reported that the newly completed 1.4 miles of the trail from downtown Jim Thorpe to the Lehigh Gorge has been very well received and heavily used this summer- the view from the new bridge crossing is spectacular. In 2012 will be ready to do the pedestrian bridge from the Jim Thorpe parking lot across the river into Weissport to the towpath. Steve reported that the Weatherly Trainworks Festival will be held this coming weekend on Sat and Sun. in conjunction with the Weatherly Hill Climb.

Community Foundation: Barbara reported that she and Doug Makofka have agreed to co chair the committee and are proceeding to put together a plan of action and timeline.

Next Meeting-October 15th at LCCC Nesquehoning-

Guest Speaker: John Curtis, Founder and CEO of Green Energy Capital Partners, LLC gave a detailed review of the plans and progress on the Kovach Solar Farm

Meeting adjourned at 9:30AM

Respectfully Submitted by,

Barbara Franzosa