

CARBON COUNTY PARTNERS FOR PROGRESS

Minutes—September 19, 2008



Those in attendance: Pat Reilly, Jeanne Miller Joe Guardiani, Chris Parker, Debra Youngfelt, Doug Makofka, Andrea Visnosky, Vince Spisak, Pat Sasserath, Garry Wentz, Georgia Farrow, Martha Kew-Goodale, Frank Victor, George Ashman, Janet Hall, Jim Kraky, Lisa Walck, Aaron Sebelin, Bill Allison, Peter Kern, Sharon Kendig, Judy Borger, Craig Vakiener, Sandy Duda, Bernetta Frantz, Bill Allison, Judy Borger, Kristin Simmons, Wayne Nothstein, Elissa Thorne, Jonathan Johnson, Susan Tyler, John Moser, and Michael Heery.

Pat Reilly welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Treasurer's Report:

MOTION: A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Wayne Nothstein and seconded by Susan Tyler. Motion carried.

Acceptance of Minutes:

MOTION: A motion to accept the minutes for May 16th & July 18th was made by Joe Guardiani and seconded by Elissa Thorne. Motion carried.

2008 Carbon County Needs Assessment Survey:

A public presentation of the results was given by Jonathan Johnson, the Center for Rural PA. The survey response rate is as follows:

- 23,805 households in Carbon County
- 2,000 surveys were mailed on May 12, 2008
- 8.4% of Carbon County household
- 517 completed surveys returned
- 25.8% response rate
- 244 written comments
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He provided a PowerPoint presentation with the data analysis with the following questions: What does it mean and what can be done? A detailed copy of the results will be distributed to the heads of the task forces & committees. The committee then does a situation analysis, set goals, make plans, and implementation. The executive summary will need to be distributed to the public i.e. website access (rural 75% have access). The report will need to be promoted. Q & A followed the presentation.

Task Forces

Education: Bill Allison reported that a Focus Group of 20 people for the Education Task Force met on August 2, 2008. The purpose of the group will be where they go from here, help to identify other issues, and discover new objectives. The group was composed of parents, a school district representative, school boards, superintendents, teachers, politicians, and business leaders. The group will meet again.

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Economic Development & Heritage: Michael Heery reported that the Carbon County Chamber of Commerce will conduct an “After-Hours Mixer” from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15 –at Blue Mountain Ski Area. The CCCC Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation will be held on Monday, October 27th; Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar) – 5:30 p.m. followed by Dinner – 6:30 p.m. at Penn’s Peak.

Health & Human Services: A dental initiative meeting will be held to strategize on how to schedule more dental appointments for the *Healthy Smiles, Happy Kids* program. Five school districts are participating in the program.

Leadership Carbon: There are 12 members in the Class of 2009. A dinner and reception was held at the Resort at Split Rock on September 9th & 10th to welcome them. The Leadership Carbon program was transferred to the Carbon County Chamber of Commerce on July 1, 2008. The current steering committee will continue to serve during the interim. However, the committee and former alumni will be polled to determine when would be the best time to meet.

MOTION: A motion was made by Bernetta Frantz to transfer the majority of the CCPFF/Leadership Carbon funds to the Carbon County Chamber of Commerce. A separate money market fund will be established with these funds for administration and operation for the program. A \$1,000 balance will be maintained in the CCPFF/Leadership Carbon account for grants and sponsorships. It was seconded by Joe Guardiani. Motion carried.

Family Collaborative: A meeting was held in August. Mark Nalesnik was the speaker. The next meeting will be held on November 12th. They are looking for more members and did invite Bill Allison to get together.

Everyone was encouraged to come back to the next meeting. **Carbon County Partners for Progress will meet on Friday, October 17th at 8:30 a.m.** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: *Kristin Simmons*