

21st CENTURY COUNCIL

TALLAHASSEE, FL
Minutes
January 13, 2015
Emily's Porch
1104 Ivanhoe Rd.

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 19, 2015 – same place.

The 21st Century Council met at 1104 Ivanhoe Rd on January 13, 2015. Attending were Jim Croteau, Antje Meissner, Jeff Lickson, Neal Meadows, Steve Rollins, Dave Jacobsen, and Emily Millett

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$5756.65 in the treasury including \$900 in restricted donations. Expenditures were \$77.39 for toner and \$49 for stamps.

Web Site Update: Neal Meadows is working on the web site. Our new web site initiative and revisions of the Community Indicators will be posted on the web site: www.21stcenturycouncil.org. Community members are to be invited to follow the format and submit data of interest.

Community Indicators Mini-Studies will also be solicited. Individuals and groups will be invited to contribute their research and analysis skills to these areas. A standard format will be followed: a description of the indicator and its importance; a graph and analysis of multi-year data; a summary of current community efforts; a summary of national and international best practices; and policy or other action recommendations. These brief studies from students, individuals, groups or organizations in the community will be posted on the 21st Century Council and other web sites. It is hoped they will be used to support conversations about strategies and policy decisions that can positively impact an aspect of our community's Quality of Life.

Council Awards Update: Our immediate need is to raise additional money for the awards that will be given to the winning agency and student recipients. To this end Jim has met with the FSU College of Education Development officer to seek assistance with the fundraising effort. They are willing to help if our effort is through the FSU Foundation. The Board agreed to consider transferring the award funds to the FSU Foundation and utilizing the COE fundraising experience.

The award will be given out at the United Partners for Human Services Conference on May 6, 2015. Ellen Piekalkiewicz will serve on the award planning committee with Jim has met with representatives from the City, County and United Way. This year the applicants will come from CHSP and UPHS mailing lists.

Jim has contacted Tomi Gormey and Robin Perry at FSU and FAMU to encourage students to write for the student awards. Adam Hanley volunteered to talk to the Psychology Dept and Antje Meissner will talk to the Dept. of Urban Planning.

Faith Based Social Justice Initiative: A steering committee group met with Brant Copland and decided 1)not to affiliate with Faith in Florida 2) to put this project on hold until someone volunteers to lead it. No one has stepped forward thus far.

Other Organizational Interactions

Emily Millett has been attending the Homeless Coalition Meetings. The new shelter and RCC kick-off will be March 16, 2015. The Annual Point in Time count will be January 25-29. Anyone wanting to volunteer and help with this count should contact zsummerlin@bigbendhc.org.

Also the same groups that are working on the new shelter, Hope Community and the RCC is planning on creating a day care center for homeless and near homeless children at the present Dick Howser Center. This is being done in conjunction with Goodwill Industries. This should be ready by early summer.

Other Issues or Concern: Dave Jacobson is working with a group to raise awareness about the minimum wage to a "living wage". Restoring felon rights is a ballot initiative Faith in Florida is pursuing.

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Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 1104 Ivanhoe Rd. at 4:00 p.m.

Committee meetings will be called by Jim Croteau as needed.