

White River Families First Coalition

February 27, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Present: Jan Burley, Betty Ross, Kristy Shafer, Julie Bevaart, Gretchen Nelson, Leah Haugen, Rusty Wilder, Trip Hart, Grace Eichner, Eddie Haberkorn, Chloe Lopez, Sue Z. Hart, Pat Johnson, Carl Mezerve, Ann Trullinger, Janet Cote, Delores Young, Lynn Honsivey, Britt Nelson, Hugh Flint, Monica Robbins, Kimberly Caldwell, Maureen Bray, Donn Lewis, Marcy Boulet, and Monica Gaub.

Let's Make a Deal for Families – Chloe has a queen size bed and box spring and one of the seniors has a 6' couch to give away. Eddie has a hospital bed with bedding for \$850.

Knowing Our Communities – Buckley Senior Center

Several Buckley Senior Center members shared their experiences at the Center including lunch program, social time, trips, volunteering, activities and events. Seniors can serve on the Board of Directors to help plan programs. Carl shared about the opportunity to Veterans to go on an Honor Flight to DC and is helping other Vets at the Sr. Center with the application. Any senior can come to the center to find local resources. Aging Mastery Program begins March 6th. Brenda Sexton is the Facilitator and it runs for 10 weeks and at 4:00 on Mondays. A multi-generational field trip is coming up with the youth center. Lunches are served at noon and suggested contribution is \$3.00 (\$5.75 for non-seniors). Activities include at least 3 trips a month. The Red Hat Group goes on a trip once a month. Monday, Tuesday and Friday van service is available with 14 passenger bus but hoping to get a larger bus - call 360-829-0190 to arrange. Age to join is 55+. No cost to join but field trips do have a fee. A new health and fitness program is starting. Sue Hart will be doing a laughter therapy class beginning March 6th at 12:45. First and third Monday of each month. Daily attendance average is 52. Menus and activities are in newsletters and online and in utility billings most of the time. Also, on the 2nd Wednesdays at 5 pm is the Community Soup Supper open to all. Lending closet for senior care equipment is available and free. Like and follow them Buckley Senior Activity Center on Facebook.

Coalition Business: Community Champion Award nomination forms will be posted the second week in March. Sue Hart and Julie Bevaart agreed to be on the award committee.

The Sumner Bonney Lake Community Summit will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 4 – 8 pm. Speaker is James Hunter, author of The Servant. Register online. FREE. Resource table, breakout sessions, free dinner, community service project is “sweet cases” for local foster children.

Announcements/Networking

Jan Burley, Community Presbyterian – 85 kids receiving food backpacks. Transitional program kids from high school are assisting this year. Accepting donations that are shelf stable.

Kristy Shafer, Relay for Life – Passed out fliers. Free transportation provided for doctor appointments and prescriptions called “Road to Recovery”. Need volunteer drivers. Serves everywhere. A Buckley and Enumclaw combined for Relay for Life will be May 19-20th at Glacier Middle School. Survivor dinner is free. This is an overnight event. Wear purple every day in May.

Gretchen Nelson, Buckley Library – Fliers for March activities distributed. Dr. Seuss Celebration on Wed. and a computer class coming up. Short survey to help tailor services to serve community.

Donn Lewis, City of Bonney Lake – Easter egg hunt Sat. April 15th for 1 to 11 years old at 11 am at Allan Yorke. Haulin' Eggs 5K Fun Run starts at 8 am. Adult Flashlight Egg Hunt begins at 8 pm – cost is \$5. April 17 -21 is clean up week with DM disposal. Shredding and recycling event behind Fred Meyer and Cinema on April 22nd. 9 to noon clean-up in the park for Parks Appreciation Day.

Kimberly Caldwell, Prairie Ridge Comm. Coalition – A Spark Grant will provide for Sat. May 6th big community event and park clean-up, crafts, playhouse dedication and BBQ lunch.

Leah Haugen, White River Family Center – April 12th parenting class in Orting at the Haven. Resources for families and basic food applications available at the Center.

Trip Hart, LYNCCK – Happiness and Positive Psychology – SOHAPP – activities in March focus on physical wellness and brainpower. Sat. March 4th 1:30 to 2:30 at Enumclaw Library for free. Day of Happiness celebration at The Claw on March 17th is a free community event at 5 pm starting with kid's dancing first, then country dancing and then rock and roll. Jubilee Naturals in Sumner and Enumclaw is sponsoring a Day of Wellness on March 18th at Green River Comm. College that has a cost. Sign up online with Jubilee.

Grace Eichner, Safe Streets – Helps mobilize neighborhoods to keep crime out. Grace is new mobilizer for the area. Does work in the unincorporated areas but not in the City limits. Sat. April 22nd Neighborhood Workshop at the Bethel Learning Center. Registration forms are available. Free w/ \$10 suggested donation includes lunch and breakfast. www.safest.org/events to register.

Marcy Boulet, TPCHD – Lee & Gus Balmer were her grandparents from Buckley and she would like to hear stories if anyone knew them.

Eddie Haberkorn, Bonney Lake Lions & Mom & Me Mobile Medical – Death by Chocolate, Bonney Lake Lion's Fundraiser, is April 8th at BLHS. Working on getting tickets online. Live and silent auction, dinner, desserts. DECCA Club prepares the dinner. Mom & Me Mobile Medical Clinic is in Orting on Saturday from 10 to 2. Blood test is free for uninsured only. Free basic medical care for everyone. Kersey Mobility has wheelchair accessible vans and lifts. Dr. Dale Clark is presenting at the Orting Community Network Meeting at 3:30 at the Catholic Church.

Chloe Lopez, Buckley Senior & Youth Center – Excited about laughter therapy class at Senior Center. Youth Center Benefit "It's a Spring Fling Kinda Thing" fundraiser is at Buckley Eagles on April 22nd at 5pm Tickets are \$10. Tess Wilcox started working at the Youth Center. Chloe is starting to work at White River Senior Housing doing service coordination and group activities.

Sue Z. Hart, Building Beyond the Walls – Tomorrow night is a restaurant takeover at Jersey Mike's in Bonney Lake from 4 – 8:30 pm. H & R Block will give \$20 to BBTW if you're a new client (flier distributed) and need to use a special code. Sustainability Expo at Convention center in Tacoma March 4th. Save the Date June 2nd at Calvary Comm. Church doing a friendly fundraiser at 6:52 pm. Free dinner. Hope to start a new class soon. Seeking property to do trainings in our area that has an access of at least 12 – 13 feet tall.

Pat Johnson, Mayor, City of Buckley – Organizing a public shred day for the Buckley residents. Dates will be in utility statements. Improvements have been made to Buckley Hall, primarily handicap ramps. Foothills Trail being worked on between Buckley and South Prairie. Also working on connecting to the trail and a bridge in Enumclaw funded by King County. Bridge will be able to handle emergency vehicles. 4 Way stop at Ryan and Hwy 165 is backing up. Lights will be synced in 2018. Pat is working on changing the Public Records Act from the 70s. City and schools are trying to get funds from privatized Liquor Sales restored. Public Works Trust Fund is ½ percent interest and sewer, water and storm water loans. TPCHD has an excellent page about rat prevention and clean-up which is now available on City's website.

Ann Trullinger, WR Senior Services - Wednesday March 16th 5:30 (kitchen opens) is the dinner and auction and bingo at the Eagles. Fundraiser pays for property taxes. \$20 for Bingo cards.

Britt Nelson, Plateau Outreach Ministries – Continuing regular services – most of assistance is utility and rental. Energy assistance available. This Friday is Empty Bowls for \$20 at the Enumclaw high school commons 4 – 7 pm this Friday. Bowls made by artisan high school students. Also bowls available on auction. Soups provided by local restaurants.

Monica Robbins, Rainier Foothills Wellness Foundation – Health and Wellness Fair at Enumclaw Middle school on Sat., March 4th from 10 to 2. Community resources, massages, blood pressure checks, police dept., entertainment, and more. Free event. Working on drug awareness night March 11th at The Haven in Orting 6:30 to 8:30 pm. In response to recent heroine overdose.

Next meeting is Monday, March 27th and will feature Nancy Basket from 4-H.