

White River Families First Coalition Meeting

June 26, 2017

Present: Donn Lewis, Nicki Slominski., Eddie Habberkorn, Tiana Gahlke, Kristi Shafer, Dan Weis, Julie Bevaart, Hugh Flint, Mike Jansen, Mike Hagadone, Pat Valentine, Kari Fossen, Alan Gamblin, Jeri Gamblin, Todd Hobart, Harvey Perez, Antoinette Graham, Alan Predmore, Ann Trullinger, Jan Burley, Gary Burley, Rusty Wilder, Kathy Norbeck, Monica Gaub.

Let's Make a Deal a Deal for Families

Mike Jansen has a gas dryer with a base 206-227-8013.

Harvey Perez has 30 brand new life vests available. Suggested EPFR.

Monica Gaub has two sleeping bags and office chair. Julie will take the sleeping bags.

Knowing Our Communities: White River Communities Champion Award Recipients 2017 – White River Families First Coalition established the Community Champion Award in 2011 as a way to recognize the service and dedication of those who make our communities better. The award recipients are nominated by members of our community because they have made a powerful difference and have served above and beyond what is expected. A committee selected this year's award recipients.

White River Education Foundation – Raise dollars to fill the gap between what the state provides for basic education and the money the district needs to provide for all students. Created in 2008 as a non-profit originally organized to support the AVID program. Former Superintendent, Tom Lockyer, helped create the original non-profit structure. Has raised of \$275, 000 through 2016. Funding is used for all sophomores to take the PSAT, 5th graders to Biz Town, Financial Park for 8th graders, children's theater for 3rd graders and annual scholarship. 4th graders go the Foothills Museum. Annual fundraiser event provides the funds. Also raise funds for specific projects, like music, STEM, playground development, and CTE programs. Field trips for AVID students to overnight college visits, school bond support, and Daffodil Float sponsorship. Planning to fund other requests as needs arise. Board has members that represent all schools. Annual auction will be October 14th at High Cedars in Orting. Individuals can volunteer at events like Junior Achievement Biz Town, which provides 5th graders with a real-life scenario and experience for financial management. Mike Hagadone spoke to the impact that the organization has had on all the students in the district and how grateful they are for all their work.

Alan Predmore, Fire Chief, Buckley Fire Dept. – Provide services through predominantly volunteer program and two paid staff. One 30 hour/week employee and an office assistant. Volunteers help fill the gaps. Ann Trullinger has been transcribing minutes and activities back to 1890 and Ann and Marilyn Whitmore has been compiling photographs. Provides services in Buckley, Wilkeson, Carbonado and, to some extent, Greenwater and Crystal Mountain. 75 volunteer firefighters and EMTs plus Wilkeson and Carbonado, equaling over 100 volunteers. Responded to just over 1400 calls for service last year. This year will be more, with a projected 1600 – 1800 calls in 2017. Multiple calls happening at the same time. Just graduated most recent volunteer academy on June 9th with 35 graduates from 10 different Departments. 449 people have graduated from the academy so far. In WA State there is no requirement for a firefighter to be certified. Buckley Fire requires all volunteer firefighters to be certified. Training is constant and ongoing. Being a part of the community is extremely important and firefighters enjoy being part of other events and activities. Need more volunteers who live in the community. Been providing information to WRHS students about the Department to increase volunteer applications. Santa project is hosted by the Firefighter Foundation, assisting kids and families each year.

Gary & Jan Burley – Volunteer a lot at Community Presbyterian Church. Moved to Buckley 18 years ago and Gary started to volunteer at the Fire Department. Volunteering helped them meet people and connect. Volunteered with kids at Foothills in an afterschool program. Jan is involved with Community Presbyterian's quilters group that includes a mix of 30 ladies who support numerous projects, including cancer wards, dialysis centers, kids, other non-profit organizations for their fundraisers, Wounded Warriors, and last year made 200 stockings for the Coast Guard's project. They make surgical dolls for Mary Bridge hospital, providing sewing workshops at the Buckley Youth Center, and take scraps of fabric and make pillowcases for the dog rescue. The church collects school supply donations and has a shoe

box program. Both Jan and Gary is involved in the Buckley Food Bank and Gary drives to Tacoma to pick up food. Also help at the Enumclaw Food bank and have partnerships with Safeway and QFC. Food Bank is seeking a volunteer to drive on Wednesdays. Involved in the Backpack Food program during the school year, served 85 kids this week. Originally solely sponsored by the church, but budget is about \$15,000/year and reached out to the community for support with great success from businesses. Anticipate serving more kids next year based on need. List of supplies needed was distributed.

Coalition Business – Our coalition was notified that we were chosen as one of the grant recipients for the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation’s Coalitions Grant. We submitted the grant to do youth forums, strategic planning for the Buckley Youth Center, and a community event. Will work more on this project in the fall.

Announcements & Networking

Donn Lewis, City of Bonney Lake Councilmember – Distributed information on Tunes at Tapps, starting July 5th will feature a market starting at 5 and concerts at 6:30, Kid’s Clubs beginning July 10 and Outdoor movies in August. Bonney Lake Days August 18 and 19. No 5K run or parade this year. Relay for Life is July 21 and 22. National Night out is Tuesday, August 1 at 6:30 at Allan Yorke Park. Beautify Bonney Lake is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 16th and anyone can sign up to volunteer online. Bonney Lake was selected for a 1.5 million dollar grant to extend the Fennel Creek Trail, almost to 410. Bonney Lake City Arts Commission now has student participation, one from BLHS and one from WRHS. Need applications from WRHS students to serve on this commission. Information is on City’s website.

Mike Jansen, WRSD Board – Graduation went very well. Over 2 million in scholarships for the graduating class. Getting ready for first football game at new stadium. Surplus Sale is this Friday at Wickersham campus.

Pat Valentine – Last Sunday of the month breakfast at the Eagle’s Hall. 4th of July BBQ for members.

Jeri Gamblin, Just Serve – Distributed postcards for information on Just Serve. Opportunities for volunteers are posted on the website. Provided a lunch for a Building Beyond the Walls class and learned a lot. The site is growing. Free lunch program is happening at the Youth Center from noon to 1pm Monday through Friday during the summer.

Eddie Haberkorn, BL Lions & Prairie Ridge – Prairie Ridge summer program has a free lunch program.

Antoinette Graham, Rainier School – Distributed recruiting materials for job opportunities.

Harvey Perez, Rainier School – Combined Fund Drive happening at Rainier School soon. Last year did a food drive, pet drive, raised money for veterans and for individuals and families in need. Part of campaign is to encourage charities and non-profits to register with the state for the fund drive.

Todd Hobart, Olive Crest – Selected for a 3 year grant to assist in increasing the number of foster homes. Olive Crest will be hiring church engagement people to reach out.

Jan Burley, Community Presbyterian Church – Soup dinner 2nd Wednesday of each month. July dinner hosted by Comm. Pres. Deacons. Starts at 5 pm. Bring your own bowl and spoon.

Rusty Wilder, PC Sheriff – County’s supplemental budget has allotted for another deputy for the Foothills detachment. 4th of July be safe and know the laws and codes.

Kathy Norbeck, Buckley Library – Kicked off summer reading on Saturday. Had fun in the parade. Over 200 kids are signed up for summer reading already. Theme is Build a Better World.

Julie Bevaart, City of Buckley – Starting this Thursday, Buckley Summer Series begins at 4:00 with events for kids and families and at 6:30 with concerts. Vendors and food will be at the park.

Monica Gaub – Reminder of orthodontic scholarships through Smile For a Lifetime – available online with South Sound Smile For a Lifetime & Molen Orthodontics. Buckley Youth Center has a new summer schedule and can sign up for field trips and camps, including math camps in August. The Buckley Bicycle Co-op is open on Saturdays from 9:30 am to noon – free program open to all youth. Kids can earn-a-bike or repair bikes. The bicycle street safety & rodeo will be on August 7th at the Wickersham location.

No meeting in July. Next meeting is Monday, August 28th at 3:30 pm at the Buckley Fire Station.