

Community Collaborative Group Meeting

April 10, 2012

In Attendance: Heather Freeman, Charlie Aronovici, Enid Rosenblum, Julie Rohleder, Jack Anderson, Mike Ford, Dan Regan, Rick Heath, Monica Heath, Erin Carr, Diane Reilly, John Clark, Judy Clark, Marie Olsen, Amy Olsen.

Hyde Park Partners in Education, Heather Freeman:

*Community Variety Show Fundraiser, Thursday, April 12 at 6:00 at Hyde Park Opera House

*Working on Staff appreciation

Board of Trustees of the Village of Hyde Park, Charlie Aronovici

*To revitalize the village, joined the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Looking for an intern or volunteer to research and write grants.

*Met with Hyde Park Select Board with a presentation of tax stabilization plan to reduce property owner's tax rates on a sliding scale as an incentive to make improvements to their buildings, to attract businesses and to rent the building.

Jack Anderson:

*Village Trustees are working with the Town to have a joint plan for the Village and Town.

*Village is trying to revitalize and bring businesses to Hyde Park Village. Some homes might be appropriate for small businesses.

*This summer the Depot Street sidewalks will be put in. Summer 2013 the West End of the Village will get sidewalks put in.

Lamoille County Players, Enid Rosenblum:

*First month of the 100th year celebration has concluded.

*Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th of April, George Woodard will show the movie "The Summer of Walter Hacks" \$6 Admission.

*May show is "Midsummer Night's Dream" May 4-6 and 11-14

*Commemorative mugs are \$10 each (2 for \$20)

*School and Library want to buy tickets for events throughout the year

Lanpher Memorial Library, Julie Rohleder:

*Beatrix Potter program Sat. April 14th at 2:00

*Poetry Slam, Friday April 27th at 6:00

Amy Olsen: *Book Discussion Group, Tuesday April 24th 6:30 "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn", by Betty Smith

*Summer Reading Programs: 6 Wednesdays "Dream Big at your Library" for teenagers the theme is "Own the Night" and for adults it's "Between the Covers"

*Amy will apply for the Vermont Humanities Council "Vermont Reads"/community reads program for the title "Bull Run", by Paul Fleischman

Second Congregational Church: Mike Ford:

- *Working on community outreach projects to do more outside the Church walls.
- Monthly Soup and Bread lunch, free (April 21st 12-1)
- Localvore Talk/Presentation: Friday April 20th 6-8
- Retreat for on April 28th
- Monthly Community Breakfast: May 5
- Community Project on a Sunday after a gathering/prayer at Church, go out into the community for a community project.
- *Fundraiser: Selling tickets to “Midsummer Night’s Dream” (Lamoille Co. Players show)
- *Men’s Breakfasts and Women’s Breakfasts
- *The Johnson State College Chamber Singers performed at the church last Tuesday night to a crowd of 60 or so (it was advertised on Front Porch Forum)

Mike also reported from his position on the Lamoille Prevention Campaign board: April 12th will be a Youth Alcohol Abuse panel at the Green Mt. Tech Center at 6:00 with dinner provided. They are also working on suicide prevention in Lamoille County. Mike is a trained counselor for suicide prevention. Habitat for Humanity is looking for volunteers.

Hyde Park Elementary School, School Board: Dan Regan

- *There will be public meetings to discuss facilities for a new school, or renovation. It is an estimated \$600,000/year for six years to keep the current building at status quo.
- *Teaching and Learning within the building is more important than the facility in which it happens and the community, staff and school board created a vision for the future based on that idea.

Lamoille Family Center Board: LFC provides services for children and families in Lamoille Valley it’s the “best kept secret in Lamoille County” 888-5229

Johnson State College: On the homestretch of the academic year and have a variety of lectures, concerts, plays etc. that are open to the community. A calendar of events will be posted at the Lanpher Library.

- April 17th at 7:00 Ellsworth lecture Civil War historian
- April 19-21 “Spring Awakenings” a play
- *Groups of children are welcome to visit the campus to get them to see what colleges have to offer and to help them feel welcome at college. Vermont has the highest high school graduation rate in the country and the lowest post secondary rate in the country.

“Regular old Citizen representing the North Village”: Rick Heath

- *The “Old Valley” has been purchased and will be renovated.
- *Rick is interested in genealogy and researches frequently.
- *Rick is also the CFO of Laraway Youth and Family Services
- *Would like to see the structure of the school refurbished and the gym torn down.

Monica Heath:

- *Volunteers with RSVP and leads a Bone Builders program at Sterling View community center on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- *Would like more wellness programs offered in Hyde Park.

Hyde Park Elementary School: Diane Reilly

- *The School has a weekly Newsletter that goes home every Friday if groups and organizations want to publicize in it.
- *A goal is “Getting the Community into the School and the School into the Community”.
- possible curriculum for next year that will involve direct experiences in the community
- “Into the Woods” for next school year.
- Would like the school building used by adults too: volley ball/wellness activities...
- Mentors are wanted. Volunteer 1 hour/week to make connections to children. This is through the Lamoille Valley Mentoring Project at Restorative Justice.
- Foster Grandparent program is a possibility in the future.

Hyde Park Community Circle and Applecheek Farm: John Clark and Judy Clark

- *Ice Cream Social on Monday, July 16th
- *For Home Day, let the Community Circle know what you are interested in doing. They will plan according to what groups and organizations and individuals want to do.

MISC:

It was mentioned that St. Teresa’s Parish and the other Catholic Churches in the area will be sold and a new joint Parish will be built.

Is there a “Community Calendar” for the Town of Hyde Park?

The Fit and Healthy wellness grant has been renewed.

Should we have Community Collaborative meetings on the Public Access Channel?

Please invite other community members who may be interested to attend meetings.

Thank you all for coming!