

Minutes of Heart & Soul Meeting December 6, 2018

Attendees: Steve Masson (coach), Katie Sawicki, Greg Noyes, Trish Sears, Christine Cote, Terrie Herr

Agenda

- Katie moved to approve; Greg seconded; approved

Previous Minutes

- Katie moved to accept; Greg 2nd; approved

Financial Report

- Handouts from Diana via Greg of the financial report

Update on Halloween festivities (*Which Canaan Community Values were reflected in the event?*)

- Only two participants; weather was an issue this year as was exposure.
- Will need to promote it better next year.

Phase III

- Review “Framework for Action”
 - Trish passed around handouts to include 2018-2019 grant schedule; meeting in a box organization, with resource materials of Strategic Priority, Heart & Soul Statement or Theme, powerpoint printout of “What is Canaan. Naturally Connected. Working towards?”
 - Steve described using this tool on Act 46 in Lowell, VT; each group had one aspect to review and discuss findings. Groups that were involved were the Fire Department, kid’s groups, parent groups, etc. Have the group pick one of the themes and that is the part that they would discuss/report.
 - H&S has 88 people’s emails; some organizations need to get more exposure (an example is North Country Rec) to get their message out
 - Tillotson’s Grant – Kirsten Scobie is interested in attending a meeting to see our process
- Grants (handout)
 - think of goals/projects, such as affordable housing and energy efficiency
- Update on 501 (c) 3 process
 - Frankie and Greg are working on it

New Business

- Looked at the prototype of H&S Welcome Basket that Diana put together; perhaps we could ask Ethan Allen to donate slats and ask the Canaan School tech ed program to make the boxes
- Christmas trees for Fletcher Park next year with caroling, hot cocoa, fire truck; perhaps tie in with Alice Ward’s Wassail party?
- January/February perhaps get a cookies, hot cocoa, snow sculpture, “luge”; reach out to the Border Riders, Key Club, other clubs; create invitations and follow-up with phone calls; should have a side meeting for those interested in organizing
- Katie discussed having a “meeting in a box” at the Grace Community Church Open House on December 15th; also possibly on December 22nd when they have their Christmas Keepsake activity

- Trish brought up Kitchen Tunk idea where there are musicians, various food, similar to a festival; VT Electric Cooperative helped out with money at this event (I apologize, I didn't get the name of the town)
- Soup or chili cookoff – Cabin Fever
- Jonah's blurb about repurposing/revitalizing the Alice Ward Library

Old Business

- Newsletter – December 14th deadline for stories; write up on our spending of the \$2000 that the town of Canaan voted for us at Town Meeting
- LEDs for the street lights saved the town money; they forgot about the Wallace area; the selectpeople are working on it
 - Suggested to continue looking into gas lights for the Fletcher Park area – VT Electric Cooperative might have a grant
- Town signs – 4 of them – need to know the funds/budget for this item; flags for Gale Street (Rte 114)-VT Downtown Transportation Fund might be a way of funding this project; Steve will send grant applications to us

Next meeting

- Conflict with a date for January's meeting; Greg and Steve will discuss and something will be put out (I think this is what was decided)
- Katie moved to close the meeting; Terrie 2nd; approved.