

## Minutes of Heart & Soul Meeting February 28, 2019

Attendees: Steve Masson (Coach), Trish Sears (Coach) via teleconference; Katie Sawicki, Greg Noyes, Diana Rancourt, Terrie Herr; guest Zach Brown

### Agenda

- Handed out, reviewed, and accepted. No motion or approval as this is a sub-meeting, not an official monthly meeting .

### Previous Minutes

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### Report from Zach Brown on the Tillotson Program:

- Zach introduced himself. Jonah Cote had a prior commitment. The group they were selected to be involved in is Empowering Coos Youth Grants Committee (ECYG). They are two of ten young adults from White Mountains Regional, Lancaster and Canaan that were selected. This new branch began in September 2018 and will end in March 2019. The priorities are learning, grant writing, philanthropy, and revitalizing the North Country, specifically with the youth. Some activities that were highlighted were carbon emissions and a variety of economic ways, and barriers (economy, age, disability, etc.). Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) were given out. They were tasked with looking at grant applications (10 submitted) and the money will be disbursed between them. The proposals are confidential. He could only minimally described them to post.
- Greg is attending the Community Economic Development Forum at Burke on March 27<sup>th</sup> and invited Zach and Jonah to attend as what they are involved in is exactly what this forum is about. Discussion of cost to attend ensued and Trish said that town membership should cover both Zach and Jonah.

### Inform Zach (and Jonah) about our previous meeting with the American Legion regarding Teen Night:

- Zach was given a copy of our previous minutes which contained the conversation with the Legion members. These men, along with Greg as introducer, are looking forward to meeting with them to discuss a partnership and give them suggestions for ideas.
- Trish said that both the ECYG and the partnership with the Legion are activities that fit in the Youth portion of H&S 5 statements. It was also said additionally it could fit in community, events, and jobs/businesses.

### Financial Report

- Handouts from Diana of the financial report
- We did not get enough signatures in a timely fashion in order to be put on the Canaan Town Report to ask the town to vote for Heart & Soul to receive \$2000.
- We have no more money at this time.
- The Orton Foundation grant is for Phase IV officially and has not been decided upon at this time.
- We have applied for grants – Tillotson and USDA but have not heard if we were approved yet.
- We are looking at some other possibly monies as well
- Greg will be meeting with Mr. Brocheau from NCIC on March 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss grants
- Steve and Trish have supplied Base Camp with a grant cycle calendar for the year

- There are more grants coming up later in the year; we will review and plan with those that align with our data
- USDA grant – next steps: Team members will need to get a Letter of Commitment from each of the 5 businesses on the grant (handout). NEKTI Consulting will help us draft the letters for us to share with them and ask them to sign. April's Maple: Diana; Jackson's Lodge: Frankie; Northland Café: Katie; Solomon's: Terrie; Quechee Farms: Greg.
  - Team members need to secure Letters of Support from other businesses in town, partner organizations, and individuals. A list has been created and will be made available to us by NEKTI Consulting.
- Greg and Frankie met with Metallak ATV Club and the club is maintaining certain sections of the trails in order for people to get to gas stations, restaurants, etc. at no cost to the town.
- We need to brainstorm ideas on how to fundraise

#### Summit Meeting March 30:

- As we have no money, we will need to be creative in our offerings of refreshments. As it had been previously decided that we would do a potluck, this would cut down the costs. However, having the 5 core members (as 2 are married, that would make it 4) provide refreshments we will need to come up with a menu at our side meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup>
- We will need to pay for advertising, but in the meanwhile we can post and share on Facebook
- The summit will be for Phase IV, ideas for projects (short term and long term). Pick the top 3 ideas and form a team to align with the 5 statements to create an Action Plan
- 5 tables = 5 values; ideas for action; money and people power will put the Action Plan into motion
- Need to let the public know that if they cannot attend the summit that they can still share their thoughts and ideas with the members of the group to be included in the summit. We are to reach out to people we know and get 5 people to attend
- Stated that it seems that it is always the same people with the same ideas that attend; too many opinions and thoughts missing across all ages; we already have a huge supply of ideas
- Our compilation of ideas/data can be used to display at both the Town Meeting and the March 30<sup>th</sup> summit
- Trish will send an example for us to use to create an Action Plan after the summit
- Orton Foundation representatives (3) will attend as well as Steve and Trish.
- Decided that the core group would meet **March 7, 5:30, Town Office** to prepare for the March 30<sup>th</sup> summit
- It was suggested by Trish that a new one minute video be created to review H&S accomplishments; Frankie volunteered

#### New Business

- The team is to review Diana's booklet for Town Meeting and give feedback as soon as possible
- Welcome Boxes – display at Town Meeting
- 2018 Year End Report – display at Town Meeting
- Community H&S survey? – display at Town Meeting
- Grants for Welcome Sign – need to work on this

- Rural Business Development Grant (USDA grant); in the minutes above

Next meeting

- We will discuss and set a date/time after the summit on March 30th

Adjourn meeting:

- Diana made a motion to adjourn; Katie 2<sup>nd</sup>; approved