

Asset Building in our Community Board of Directors

Tuesday June 10, 2008

Our Mission:

Asset Building in our Community organization is a voluntary, not-for-profit association operating under the patronage of the City of Eaton Rapids Michigan for the purpose of elevating values, pride, and confidence in students and citizens residing in our community.

Those attending:

Jan McRee Mike McGhan

Karen Abrahamson Claudia Brown

Gary Vittoz Dee Cassidy

Ron Byerly Mary Frazier

Jan McRee opened the meeting with prayer.

Old Business:

C.R.P - A couple of meetings ago Don Wycoff shared his idea to promote community pride through groups of people who would come together to keep their neighborhoods clean and attractive. His goals are very much in harmony with our own, and we will look for ways in which we can be supportive to his CRP program.

Jan met with Don for a little brain storming and they came up with some great ideas over coffee. Don would like to plan a "neighborhood clean-up" for fall, 2008 (with a picnic on the Island?).

Karen is going to pass on Jr. Ranger representative's name and phone number to Michigan Forest Foundation members

Claudia Brown, Gery Vittoz, Ron Byerly, Barb Corckett and Karen Abrahamson have met twice as a committee to look at where we were at the end of our retreat a year ago, where we are now, and where we are going. Gery presented a draft of a power point program that we hope will tell the Asset Building story in a nutshell, and with refinement, will become a tool we can use to meet with clubs, organizations and individuals who share our vision, and with whom we could partner to build assets in our community.

This is a work in progress, and ideas are most welcome.

We need to ask ourselves the question; how has ABC changed our community, our awareness, and our attitudes?

New Business:

Following Gery's power point presentation we had a discussion about how and when we could such a tool. We talked about the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration coming up in town, and what part we could play, and the discussion came around to a float in the parade, both Mike and Karen had ideas about that. They are going to get together. Also Gery suggested that the program he had can be put on a loop and play unattended. This possibility led us to think about a booth in the Red Ribbon Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> that would tell our story, and include our new brochure. At this point it became clear we need to meet one more time in June when we will finalize our July 4<sup>th</sup> plans. We will meet again in 2 weeks on our usual meeting day.

Along with brochures, we also need more "You Made My Day" cards, Karen will try to remember to bring them to the next meeting.

Dee is going to contact the schools to make arrangements for us to be on the schedule to speak to school personal at the beginning of the 2009-10 school year.

She is also working with Celebration Cinema so they will show, "The Other Breakfast Club", a film about teens who received brain injuries in alcohol related automobile accidents.

Our next meeting will be June 24, 2008 and we will discuss our calendar for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Abrahamson

Acting Secretary