



*...fostering a safe, healthy, drug free community.*

**Friday, March 14, 2014**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**

**PRESENT Steering Committee:** Mike Wood, Treasurer. **Staff:** Kerri Wilfong. **Members and Visitors:** Susan Burgeson, NIC Head Start; Emily Davis, ID Dept of Labor; Donna Euler, Idaho Youth Ranch; Janette Taylor, KinCare Vista; Ronnie Semko, Cd'A School District; Colin Anderson, Living Local Cd'A; Shauna Harshman, St Vincent de Paul Transitional Housing; James Curb, Cd'A School District; Raphael White, Cd'A School District; Cindy Turner, Cd'A School District; Anneke Connaway, Panhandle Autism Society; Valerie Wilcox, Boys & Girls Club; Glenda Weaver, Relatives as Parents; Ken Gilbert, Shepherds Table & Christian Community Coalition; Gar Mickelson, Kaleidoscope.

Meeting called to order by Kerri at 12:00pm.

**Minutes** from the January meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve tabled to next month due to lack of attendees present.

**KACF Announcements:** Spot On Youth Substance Abuse Prevention winners announced!

**Introductions** made around the room.

**Speaker Presentation:** Gar Mikelson of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Commons operated by Kaleidoscope Community Services: Main goal is to partner with others who have passion to help. People – Community – Connection. Exists to bridge community needs with community resources (rack card passed around). 3400 sq foot building, community living room, free kitchen, 80+ benevolent volunteers. Open M-F 1-5pm. Like Fresh Start but with enhanced faith based elements. Getting 35-40 visitors per day. Guests and volunteers are trained. Space also used for various community meetings. If during hours, must be inter-active. If after hours, can be somewhat private. Also various community programs run by other groups can use space. For example, collaborative art, knitting, cooking. Group size up to 35. If larger can sometimes partner with next door neighbor, Cherished One's/God's Kitchen.

Gar available to train "How to become a better volunteer" and other topics related to community service.

**Round Table Discussion:** Prevention Funding Climate – topic moved to next month.

### **Networking**

Rafael announced Multi-Cultural Faire Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at Lakes Middle School (flyers).

Val shared 170 average attendance at Boys & Girls Club in Post Falls, plus 80 at Sorenson Elementary. Plans to expand space at Post Falls location. Actively looking for space in Cd'A. Nat'l BGC Week celebration 3/25 5-7pm, all welcome.

Emily shared workforce development program information.

Glenda announced new RAP logo (business cards). Provided information about the resource room they are managing in the CASA office building for kids being raised by others. Janette on-site M W F 1-4pm.

Janette announced "Community Baby Shower" April 18 to stock resource room with infant items. Registered at Shopko, Target, Kmart, Walmart. Also need for boys shoes up to size 9. Partnering with "Giving Hope Coalition". Other upcoming events include: May, graduation for Independent Living kids (aging out of foster care); July, picnic; August, back to school drive; October, tea fundraiser; December, Christmas party. Serving approx 250 kids locally.

Donna reminded us of "Spokane's Orphan Summit" happening tomorrow, \$15. Idaho Youth Ranch "Wine, Women & Shoes" fundraiser set for August 15<sup>th</sup>.

See KACF's website for upcoming events in our community, and "Like" us on Facebook for daily updates and great tools and resources!

Meeting adjourned at 1:10pm.

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