

Meeting Minutes

Present: Gabor, Wendi, Jon, Molly, Emily, Rick, Betsy, Becky & Patty.

September 27, 2012

Bernard & Patty's House

Notetaker: Jon

Facilitator: Wendi

Check in.

Meeting about planning: outreach, schedule (including children's activities), marketing (written word).

Announcements:

Coaching notes distributed by Rick for facilitating meetings. Rick will pay for duplicating a limited number of copies. Molly can contribute B&W copies. Several wanted copies on colored paper.

10/24, Town is organizing gleaning workshop. Gabor will send details by email.

Per Emily, Transition Fla. Produced 4-5 tons of food at their gleaning workshop.

Discussion of distributing print outreach material:

Betsy covered downtown Amherst except Town Hall.

Emily will do UMass.

Patty will do Hampshire College.

Molly will do Amherst College.

Other outreach stuff:

John covered CISA, Farmers Market.

Molly sent in to Bulletin & Hampshire Life.

Molly talked to Tony at Chamber as well as others to which she was assigned.

Tabling & Children's activities:

Molly invited Kestrel & Hitchcock to table. She invited Hitchcock to offer children's activities.

Wendi will approach Hitchcock re tabling and children's activities.

Looking for 2 volunteers to do children's activities.

Brainstorming: sculptures out of recycled things; pumpkin carving.

Child play to be offered for entire 5 hours. There will be no liability waiver.

There is currently no designated area for child play. Maybe in a triangular wing, a rented room.

Child care organizers needed.

Art supplies for children needed, e. g., colored paper and markers. Patty will furnish supplies as will Betsy.

Eric Carle Museum and Pelham Library are resources for child coordination and supplies.

Patty will contact Multi Art Camp.

Gabor will donate more money to rent rooms and for anything else which is needed without limit.

Gabor facilitated a meditation.

Schedule discussion.

Wendi will contact school tomorrow to find out about liaison with janitor especially set up and clean up.

The sound system is an extra cost. Group agreed to rent sound equipment. One microphone.

Wendi will rent one wireless mike, one amp. No provision for screen or projector. Facility may include a screen and Tina has a projector.

Molly raised the question of whether outreach should be planned or ad hoc. The group agreed to go ad hoc.

Remainder of minutes from 8:21 to closing to be covered by Betsy.

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Music: Rick has secured High School Jazz band for 12:30 – almost 12:55.

John White has secured folksingers Annie Patterson & Peter Blood (of Rise Up Singing fame) They will lead songs for 10 minutes - approximately 12:55 – 1:05. Rick and friends will do a song some time in the afternoon – end of a break? - “Transition Hop”(?).

1:50 – 3:00 slot – World Cafe or? Discussion included attempts to clarify how “world cafe” works; Betsy's suggestion that we should begin segment with a brief (5 minute?) visualization of the post transition future; Betsy's proposal that we have stations with different options (discuss questions or do creative stuff like skits/ song/ artwork) for different kinds of people – more fun; Wendi's experience that breaks and shifts take longer than we have allowed.

Group decided that we would go with World Cafe type discussions around tables to keep things simple in the time allotted. Facilitators would share ideas back in whole group. People will be excited to be together and talk together about all their cool ideas to move things forward.

Still undecided: what questions/topic we will offer at World Cafe tables. Whether to have 2 or more rotations. Whether to begin with a visualization. How much do we decide on and assign facilitators for each table. Where do we get paper for tables.

Bernard and Tina will organize. Patty will initiate email thread about questions/topics. Rick suggested "What is your vision of our best possible future?" All are invited to participate in thread and come up with questions.

We need to base what happens on what we say in the flier, what we advertise.

Food: Food must stay out in the lobbies. Munchy tables in lobby. Where is food coming from?

Molly will get donations from Wheatberry and Henion's. Molly has gotten Dean Cycon to donate some Deans Beans coffee. Patty (?) will pursue picking up, maybe with cups and signage.

Gabor will bring dried fruit. Rick and Betsy will bring napkins. Betsy will bake some loaves of quick bread. John White will talk to Atkins – Apples and Cider? Someone will approach Dori about donation of bread. Wendi will get a bunch of little 5 ounce cups. Rick will approach Whole Foods about cheese. Betsy will approach Big Y re: cheese.

Name tags – We will see if Steve can make the organizers Transition Amherst logo name tags. Rick will bring plain stick on nametags for attendees. Betsy will bring her box of multicolor Sharpie markers

Betsy will put out a doodle poll about an extra meeting next week.

Next Official Meeting (The last before the event!) will be at Brennan's, 89 Northeast St., 7 p.m., Thursday, October 11. Suggested that Bernard or John White might facilitate?