

Wahkiakum Community Network
Regular Public Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday January 6, 2010 6:00 PM
River Street Meeting Room

Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kassy Burdick at 6:00 PM at the River Street Meeting Room. In attendance were: Kassy Burdick, Chris Holmes, Jon, Dearmore, Karen Fleming, Erin Wilson, Linda Hartung, Lisa Ridout, Colleen Theisen, Carole Lewis, Ursula Petralia (Guest), Lia Sealund (Director) and Tammy Peterson (Coordinator). There was not a quorum; therefore, anything voted on will have to have unanimous approval to pass, per Network by laws.

Jon moved to approve the previous minutes; Chris seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Guest Input- The board welcomed Ursula Petralia who is new to the community and attending various community organization meetings. She learned about Wahkiakum Community Network from our quarterly newsletter in the Eagle.

Membership – Sarah Niemela (Youth, Private Education) and Chris Gonzalez (Youth, Religious Community) submitted resignations to the board. Lisa Ridout will vacate her position (Wahkiakum School District) and will now represent the Religious Community.

Nominations for Executive Board were made:

- Chairman: Kassy Burdick; *Erin moved to approve the nomination; Jon seconded and the motion for Chairman carried unanimously.*
- Vice-Chair: Carole Lewis; *Chris moved to approve the nomination; Lisa seconded and the motion for vice-chair was approved unanimously.*
- Secretary: the decision was made to put this nomination on hold until the next board meeting. Erin Wilson agreed to be the alternate secretary. Carole Lewis will continue as secretary until the position is filled.

Lia gave an overview of the sub-committees: Allocation, Planning, Public Relations, Membership and ad hoc Fundraising. It was agreed that sub-committees should continue to meet as part of the Regular Board Meeting. Those present were asked to sign-up for a committee for 2010.

Reports: The Youth Leadership Initiative requires that in order for high school senior board members (Evelyn Clark, Ashley Helms, Jordyn Wirkkala) to qualify for the Network's continued education scholarship, the youth must attend 9 out of the 11 Regular Board Meetings. In December there was a change of date for the Network meeting which prevented the youth from being able to attend the December Networking Cafe. The board acknowledged the youth were unable to attend because of the Network change conflicted with a pre-arranged school activity and agreed that the December 2009 meeting would be a "by-week", requiring the youth to attend 8 rather than 9 board meetings to qualify for the scholarship. It should be commended that these youth have already volunteered many hours for the Network this year: Ashley Helms: 79.5 hours; Evelyn Clark: 81.5 hours; Jordyn Wirkkala: 10 hours. *Jon moved to approve the onetime adjustment of meeting requirements for the 2010 Youth Leadership Initiative scholarship; Lisa seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

Tammy presented the work plan calendar of events for 2010 developed by the Public Relations Committee in November 2009. It will be a full year for our board starting with the Healthy Youth Summit (developed by the Wahkiakum Meth Action Team); Prom Week "Drinking & Driving Pledge" at Wahkiakum High School and Naselle High School; pre-graduation Bottle Tagging; events for Bald Eagle Days & Wahkiakum County Fair; and quarterly Newsletters.

Ursula suggested that we discover activities to encourage youth to discover and appreciate science (e.g. DNA sequencing). There was a discussion about looking into taking students or bringing an even to Wahkiakum County.

Public Relations/Planning Committee – The board discussed the possibility of hosting events at Bald Eagle Days and/or the Wahkiakum County Fair. A subcommittee (Carole, Chris, Kassy, & Karen) was formed and will meet this month to go over choices and a plan to rent any necessary equipment. They will report to the board at the next meeting.

Training Summaries – Tammy attended an ARRA grant bidder’s conference. She found one grant worth applying for through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. If granted, it would be renewable for three years. It would provide up to \$7500 for designated youth between the ages of 16 – 21 years of age. It would focus on (1) Out of School Youth who are unemployed/underemployed and might need a GED; and (2) In School Youth who need to be skilled enough to graduate. *Jon moved for Tammy to explore the grant and pursue application process if fitting to the Network; Chris seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

Lia and Tammy presented the idea about having a board retreat. This would have two benefits – to strengthen our board and to contribute towards the Network’s sustainability. This would involve a two-year plan. The first year would be to implement a Wahkiakum Community Network retreat to develop and strengthen our own board on training topics that make a successful coalition. The second year would be to mentor other coalitions by offering the retreat as a workshop and fundraiser for Wahkiakum Community Network. Tammy is exploring if there is sufficient lodging options so we can locate the fundraiser workshop in Wahkiakum County and have coalitions come here for their retreat.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM; respectfully submitted, Carole Lewis, Secretary

Network Meetings: Executive Committee at 5:00 PM; Regular Board Meeting or Network Café at 6:00 PM

February 3, 2010	Regular Board Meeting	May 5, 2010	Networking Café
March 3, 2010	Networking Café	June 2, 2010	Regular Board Meeting
April 7, 2010	Regular Board Meeting	July – no meetings – summer break	