

Neighbors United
Meeting Summary – June 25, 2009

Attending

1. Lydia Elliott, *Mosaic Community Development*
2. Dana Givens, *Mosaic Community Development*
3. Kay Lynn Goldner, *First Unitarian Church*
4. Andy Gustafson, *First Presbyterian Church*
5. Brittany Hanson, *Mosaic Community Development*
6. Jason Hinze, *Mosaic Community Development*
7. Kevin Marik, *Metropolitan Community Church*
8. Pastor Kip Mickelson, *First Baptist Church*
9. Modesto Olivo, *First Lutheran Church*
10. Rev. A David Paul, *First Presbyterian Church*
11. Rev. Jonathan Sloan, *First Presbyterian Church*
12. Dr. Russ Smith, *University of Nebraska, Omaha*
13. Bruce Wallace, *First Presbyterian Church*

Overview

- Members of the Park Avenue faith community met on June 25, 2009 at First Presbyterian Church; drinks and cookies were generously provided by FPC church members.
- The focus of the meeting was to debrief the Community Meal Volunteer Feedback Forum, continue brainstorming ideas for funding Brittany Hanson's staff position, and explore projects for the MCD Summer Associates to focus on.
- Meeting agendas (attached) were distributed, brief introductions were made, and the meeting was facilitated by Brittany Hanson and Dr. Russ Smith.

Community Meal-Volunteer Feedback Forum

Report (see additional attachment)

- 33 Volunteers attended the feedback meeting and shared stories and experiences from the community meals.
- The Community Meals manual was reviewed and updated.
- An intoxication policy and an adverse weather policy were added to the manual.

- Deep Cleaning of the FBC dining room will now be done once a month by volunteers.
- Paper plate holders were kindly donated by 2UU to make the plates sturdier for guests.
- A plea for each faith community to ask 4 volunteers to come once a month to the meals so that there will be plenty of hospitality volunteers.

MCD Staffing Update

- Nancy Mammel of the Mammel Foundation will match up to \$15,000-18,000 of funds raised for Brittany Hanson's staff position. The salary goal is \$32,000; she will be responsible for obtaining her own health insurance.
- MCD is allocating \$9,000, FBC has donated \$1,000 and FPC has donated \$2,000.
- Rev. Sloan has volunteered to track the money that has come in.
- The deadline to raise the \$18,000 is December 1, 2009, and Brittany goes onto the Mosaic payroll in August 2009.
- Additional ideas on fund raising for Brittany Hanson's position are still needed.

Summer/Fall Event?

- MCD has two Summer Associates (Jason Hinze & Lydia Elliot) working on projects in the Park Avenue neighborhood in June and July 2009; ideas for their projects were considered.
- Several ideas for a summer or fall event were brainstormed and discussed, however the group agreed that their time might be better spent helping NU prepare to apply for a 501(c)(3) status and planning a promotional strategy.
- Jason & Lydia will be working on re-activating the Organizational Development and Neighbors United Promotion task forces before the next NU meeting on July 23.

Wrap Up

- Community Meal – Every Saturday 11:30 – 1:00 First Baptist Church
- MCC, FPC, FBC Vacation Bible School – July 20-24; rotating locations
- Next Neighbors United meeting – July 23, 11:00-1:00, MCC-Omaha
- August Neighbors United Meeting – August 27, 11:00-1:00, location TBD