

Minutes of April 12, 2007 ACOY Meeting

In attendance: Wes Corber, Tim Chesnutt, Carol Kost, Alicia Waning, K. Anne Lewis, Ken Pratt, Mike Eppes, Cindy Atkins, Lance Kelley, Delbert White, Veronica Martin, Donna Kropotkin.

Agenda items were as follows:

Public Comment
Approval of Minutes
Nomination and Election Procedures
ACOE Endorsement Policy
Annual Retreat
Bylaw Amendments
Implementation Plans for GMU Report
New Life Christian Church Teen Center

Public Comment

Delbert White announced the first Parent Involvement Symposium sponsored by MSAAC (Minority Student Achievement Advisory Committee) will be held on Saturday, April 14th at StoneBridge High School starting at 9:00 am. Dr. Adolph Brown will be the Keynote speaker.

Wes Corber announced there are 3 vacancies on the ACOY with the departure of Nanette Moreau. Delbert White and Alicia Waning offered to help with the identification and selection process of potential candidates.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Carol Kost and seconded by Delbert White to approve the minutes of the March 8th ACOY meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Nomination and Election Procedures

The nomination and election procedures will be the same as last year. The third paragraph under I. Nominations will be deleted. Motion to approve by Carol Kost and seconded by Delbert White. Motion was approved unanimously.

ACOE Endorsement Policy

ACOE does not have a policy that obligates them to endorse any particular project or organization. The Commission agreed it would not be in their best interests to have an endorsement policy. A motion was made by Delbert White that ACOY will not engage in endorsing any organization, project or individuals, and will not develop a policy to endorse any organization, project or individuals at the present time. The motion was seconded by Carol Kost. The motion was approved unanimously.

Annual Retreat

Phil Message and Veronica Martin have been working on this project and have come up with a proposal which the members of the Commission discussed. The members agreed to all the terms of the proposal with the exception of number 7. A motion was made by Carol Kost to hold the retreat on September 15th for ½ day at a location to be determined. The motion was seconded by Delbert White and approved unanimously.

Bylaw Amendments

Nancy Lasik (absent for this meeting) had previously mentioned the problem of ACOY terms being concurrent with the Board of Supervisors' terms, and possibly creating mass vacancies. It was suggested that amending the Bylaws could be a possible solution. Wes Corber suggested making the ACOY members' terms concurrent with the school year. Mr. Corber will raise this question with the Human Services Committee at their next meeting.

Implementation Plans for GMU Report

Tim Chesnutt briefly reviewed the proposed Implementation Plan for the George Mason Community Assessment Report for the Commission. Due to the large amount of information in this report, it was decided that the Commission members would review the majority of the material at their leisure and discuss it at the next ACOY meeting. Some members voiced concerns about the report and said they would be attending the Human Services Committee meeting to voice those concerns.

New Life Christian Church Teen Center

Mike Eppes, Dulles Campus Pastor of the New Life Christian Church gave an overview of his church and the mission they wish to accomplish regarding youth. The New Life Church is a mobile church which sets up and breaks down each Sunday. The church is building a facility in Centerville that will be used primarily for youth activities with the exception of Sunday mornings when it will be used for church services. Mr. Eppes believes there is a need for another facility of this kind in the Ashburn area and has gotten approval to begin searching for a location from his superiors. Mr. Eppes believes a very useful and rewarding partnership could materialize between this facility and the Loudoun Youth Initiative with respect to serving youth in the community. The Commission agreed to discuss the proposed new center at the Teen Center Network meeting on April 17th.

Adjourned

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the ACOY will be May 10th 7:00 pm in the Purcellville Room, first floor, in the government center.