

Friends of the Community/Amigos de la Comunidad
February 7, 2008
Meeting Notes

Attendance: Sharon Karis, Ann Everson, Peggy Tainter, Barb Hopkins, Kay Mueller, Amy Schanhofer

The UW-Extension Office has an opportunity to have a student intern available to organize and facilitate community dialogs late spring through early fall. The group agreed that we should take advantage of this for the Brookwood area. Some Amigos members will need to be available to help this intern design an appropriate program and make local contacts. The Hispanic community should be involved in these dialogs and in the planning of these dialogs. We will need help from Matt to identify appropriate people.

Amigos still would like to partner with Community Night for presenter. What type of presenter for Community Night: Paul Kaldjian or him at own event or table at Community Night with DVD playing of Immigration Summit and the material.

Family Resources Event: Various arts and crafts and games and activities for families to enjoy and have light food. This could be advertised in Village Water Bills at end of July. They would like some volunteers from Amigos to help. Marilyn may know some young people who could volunteer at the tables and are bilingual. Could Amigos help with the cost of food? July 9th 3:30 to 5:00. Could we approach Walmart for a donation of food: lemonade and fruit?

Car seats: school has been contacted to have some at Child Development Day in fall. Let Matt know so that he can help advertise it. Matt has been given info to encourage Vernon County to apply for the grant to be able to offer car seats. There is a car seat installation training coming up in March. Someone needs to be trained in order to receive grant to fund the car seats. Ann handed out materials about car seat checks.

CouleeCap handed out latest community concerns paper about mental illness and prescription medication assistance.

The group agreed to cancel lunches from Norwalk Market and will skip a March meeting.

Also, in order to reduce mailing costs, email addresses were shared. If a member has an email address, the postcard will be emailed. Others will still receive one through the mail.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 3, 2008. Noon, Norwalk Village Hall.