



**LAKEWOOD'S PROMISE
ADVISORY BOARD**

Thursday April 16, 2015

**Conference Room 1E – Lakewood
City Hall, Lakewood, WA 98499**

7:30 am – 8:30 am Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Clayton DeNault called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board: Mary Dodsworth,, Judi Weldy, Bianca Vieyra, Clayton DeNault, Dr Michele Johnson, Debbie LeBeau

Council Liaison: Mary Moss

Staff Present: Kurt Sample

Guests Present: Michelle Angell and Elise Doney - Pierce County Library System

LPAB members excused: Dr. Claudia Thomas, Dr, Lonnie Howard, Ellie Wilson. Kathy Bressler, Elvin Bucu

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for April were approved with one correction..

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MARCH MEETING- UNITED WAY REFLECTIONS

Ms Moss, Dr. Johnson, and Ms Dodsworth debriefed the Board on the United Way event held at the Boys and Girls Club on March 13.

- Dona Ponepinto did a wonderful job recapping her first year
- Lakewood was well-represented in the meeting

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION:

Guests were youth/teen librarians from the Pierce County Library System

Ms Angell did a presentation of the status of the Lakewood Maker Festival (MakerFEST) preparing for its 3rd year.

The Pierce County Library System has taken over the leadership of MakerFEST and is using its resources to make it grow and be a more streamlined process. The primary partners besides Lakewood's Promise, are the Library, Pierce College Science Dome and Pierce College (Computer Clubhouse). A new partner in the planning and promotion of he event is Brown

paper Tickets.

Attendance for 2013: 150

Attendance for 2014: 250

MakerFEST has been moved to May to take advantage of the other Festivals being held at the College - International Festival (Lakewood Sister Cities) and Arts Festival. It hopes to use the school year time to encourage more young makers.

Ms Doney is one of two teen librarians in the system and spends a few days each week in Lakewood.. Programs at the library cover a wide range focusing on literacy, family, early learning, and creativity.

- Story Time goes beyond reading books
- Mine Craft and maker programs around the popular game
- Squishy Circuits with play dough and electronics
- Builders Club with Legos
- Cup Stacking is very popular
- Summer Reading Program - his year's theme will be "SUPERHEROES"
- Teen Summer Challenge is mostly Online
 - Hope to partner with schools
- JobFest
 - 550 attendees
 - Job preparation workshops to prepare teens for the event

Board Discussion followed with positive comments on what the Library System is doing. Questions were asked about marketing and collaboration efforts to get the word out.

- Are the classroom teachers aware of these resources/
- There is so much going on and we discover more and more as we dig further.
- "New Employee Days" such as what is eald at St Clare Hospital. We constantly need to "promote" the City because we are so transient.
- Often, we have an aversion to telling kids that they must work hard.
- JOINT SUMMER YOUTH SERVICES TRAINING
 - an idea for communication and collaboration
 - for those involved in youth services
 - PTA leaders and other parents
 - Expectations

OLD BUSINESS.

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Coordinators Report

- HEALTHY START
 - Draft for food waste flyer will turn into a 3-fold ready for Fall distribution
 - Custer and Lake Louise are interested in waste reduction programs
 - New bill going before Washington legislature for new breakfast after the morning bell, may increase waste starting in 2016
 - Farmers market scavenger hunt idea for this summer's program

- New collaborations are planned in Springbrook with summer meals on both sides of Bridgeport. Lions Club taking the lead.
- Family fitness nights at Oakwood, Southgate and a new one at Oakbrook. Video footage needs to be mixed.
- Floating meetings - last at CISL - next at WIC
- **SAFE PLACES (FTLN)**
 - Will begin planning next teen late night. Springbrook and Lakewood Playhouse are next targets.
 - April has been crazy for all and there are staff changes.
- **YOUTHCENTRIC**
 - 150 subscribers - those who work with youth
 - Bloggers from Library and Playhouse - trying to train more.
 - Twitter and Facebook are starting to come together - it does take determination
 - 20% open rate - varies with newsletter
 - Keeping things in the forefront (repeating story until event is finished)
 - Will create a "happenings" newsletter email list this summer aimed at kids and parents.
- **CONTINUUMS FOR SERVICE LEARNING CONFERENCE**
 - College/Non-Profit Partnerships
 - Ideas for non-profit reps within the college communities
 - Lakewood is way-ahead due to collaboration
- **SPRINGBROOK NEIGHBORHOOD VIDEO**
 - James Leet and Clubhouse members (Lochburn students who live in Springbrook)
- **CITY COUNCIL RECORDINGS**
 - Meeting with Boys and Girls Club and their new government program
 - Also will meet with YMCA Youth and Government

ADJOURNMENT: Mr DeNault adjourned the meeting at 8:30 a.m.


Clayton DeNault, Chairman

Kurt Sample, Program Coordinator