

United for Diversity Meeting Minutes

Annual Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2008

6:00-8:00 p.m.

The Annual Meeting began with a social. A cheese and sausage platter—compliments of Ric & Vic's Piggly Wiggly--was served with hot apple cider and other snacks.

Present: Georgiann Froemke, Alma Grace, Carol Kaiser, Michael Ketterhagen, Tony Meister, Bill Reinhardt, Denise Retzleff, Stella Storch, and Morgan Weber.

After a welcome and self-introductions, the February 12, 2007, Annual Meeting Minutes were approved.

The group reviewed the 2007 goals and evaluated progress. (See end of this report.)

Goals were set for 2008:

1. Continue to work with other groups who deal with diversity, especially Comprehensive Countywide Diversity Initiative (CCDI).
2. Determine our relationship with CCDI—that is, United for Diversity's role in the Countywide effort.
3. Evaluate CELEBRATE CommUNITY 2008 and then devise and implement a plan for CELEBRATE CommUNITY 2009.
4. Support reactivation of Diversity Circles.
5. Continue enrolling organizations in We Welcome Diversity.
6. Develop a Board Meeting schedule that will maximize attendance.
7. Update the United for Diversity website and brochure.

Michael Ketterhagen reported on Celebrate FDL – Freedom, Diversity, and Love, at which he was a spokesperson. It was a very enjoyable event. Would it make the best use of time and energy, however, to combine that event with CELEBRATE CommUNITY next year?

Georgiann Froemke gave a progress report on CELEBRATE CommUNITY.

The group discussed the importance of Board Member commitment to United for Diversity and regular attendance at meetings. Board Members will be elected and Officers determined at the March 10 Board Meeting, to which all United for Diversity members are welcome.

Ken Hall presented the Annual Financial Report.

A drawing was held for door prizes donated by Curves and Schreiner's.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Kaiser, Secretary

Evaluation of 2007 Goals:

1. Continue to take leadership with the Gathering, seeing it as a subgroup like Study Circles were at one time and adapt UFD meetings as appropriate.

The Gathering turned out to be an event, an opportunity to become acquainted with one another, a networking tool, rather than an ongoing group.

2. Continue to work toward a Gathering event for the fall.

Two events provided opportunities to get together with the Gathering participants: Celebrate FdL – Freedom, Diversity & Love and CELEBRATE commUNITY.

3. Reenergize Diversity Circles seeking funding and coordination.

Hans Neumann and Rev. Mary Council-Austin have agreed to present Diversity Circles information at a future meeting of the Comprehensive Countywide Diversity Initiative (CCDI).

4. Have another We Welcome Diversity campaign focused on members of the Gathering.

While continuing to register people for We Welcome Diversity, UFD did not wage a campaign in 2007 and probably needs to look into a more formal effort.

5. Meetings in general will stay on the second Monday of the month, with the exception of a March 26 meeting. There are no UFD meetings in June, July, and August.

The Board added a June meeting to the yearly schedule and has continued to meet on the second Monday of the month. Beginning in June 2008, meetings will be held on the fourth Monday of the month.

6. Develop a new brochure and put copies at the Visitor/Convention Center. Also have it printed in Spanish.

This still needs to be done.

7. Support efforts of the development of a rural to urban connection of the Enlightened Schoolyard and Kitchen concept.

Michael Ketterhagen was involved with this effort.