

**Minutes from United for Diversity Meeting  
September 18, 2008  
4:00-5:15 p.m.  
Fond du Lac Center for Spirituality & Healing**

Present: Georgiann Froemke, Tracy Gravelle, Carol Kaiser, Michael Ketterhagen, Scott Rodman, S. Stella Storch

Michael chaired the meeting. The agenda was approved.

Minutes from June 30, 2008, were approved.

**Finances:**

Scott reported a balance of \$6,529.48 in the treasury.

**Website Maintenance:**

Work will continue on United for Diversity's website. Several old links will be removed as part of the updating process. Carol plans to write and post an article on the findings of a Fond du Lac group of 17 that visited Cuernavaca in August to learn more about the economic and social background of immigration, globalization, and Mexican culture.

**Addressing Racism:**

Concern was expressed about hate fliers that have surfaced in Fond du Lac. Scott will write a letter to the local newspaper addressing racism, and United for Diversity will work on community education, perhaps by sponsoring a workshop on unlearning racism.

**Breaking Silence:**

On May 9 and 10, along with members of several other community organizations, United

**Returning Board Member:**

Tracy Gravelle, always a dedicated member of United for Diversity, has agreed to return to official board member status.

**Rolldown for Wheelchair Awareness:**

This is the time of year when the annual roll down Main Street is held in observance of National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Tracy will contact Fond du Lac County Advocate Kurt McCauly to see how United for Diversity can help support disabled members of the community.

**CELEBRATE CommUNITY 2009:**

Georgiann reported that the cost for renting the Fairground facilities will be covered by the County. Wisconsin Expo will provide booths. A large sign will be hung outside over the main entrance to direct people to the building.

The Community Contributions Committee is working on grants from several organizations. In addition, a mailing will be sent in October to solicit donations from CCDI members and last year's contributors.

Five of last year's booth hosts reviewed and discussed evaluations from CELEBRATE CommUNITY 2008. The group then made these suggestions:

- Hold the 2009 event 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., with the flag ceremony at 11:30.
- Serve free ethnic food 12:00 noon-3:00 p.m.; reimburse food booths up to \$100 maximum.
- Serve food in one area away from crafts.
- Set up booths together in an area away from food.
- Continue collecting a free-will donation at the door.

This group will meet again in October to make phone calls and prepare mailings to potential booth hosts for the 2009 event.

Georgiann has been contacting potential entertainers and is also putting together an Activities Committee. Shelly Haberman will work on the art contest. The Volunteer Committee plans to meet in November and January.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

The next meeting will be held 4:00-5:15 p.m. on Thursday, October 23, at the Fond du Lac Center for Spirituality and Healing.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Kaiser, Secretary