

## **UNITED FOR DIVERSITY** General Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2006

Meeting began at 6:35 pm at the Public Library

**Present:** Stella Storch - President, Joan Bowser, Jon Flood, Alma Grace, Tracy Gravelle, Michael Ketterhagen, Bill Reinhardt, Joni Voss, and Tami Whicher

**Minutes approved:** Sept. 11, 2006 general meeting.

1. **Shared Diversity Experiences:** Alma Grace attended a Native American event in Milwaukee. Tami Whicher shared both positive and negative responses to the debut of Que Pasa in Fond du Lac. Overall community reaction has been good.
2. **Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary School at Pine Ridge Reservation:** Tracy Gravelle shared information on an upcoming fundraising event conducted by Pilgrim UCC to benefit a school on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Information will be emailed to members.
3. **United for Diversity brochure:** Update the brochure and translate it to Spanish. We will address this at a later date.
4. **Toward Community:** Sister Stella discussed information received from the diversity in Appleton, Toward Community: Unity in Diversity. The group sent a survey to members asking about problems with membership and goals. We will discuss doing the same thing at a later date. They also sent information regarding a Martin Luther King Essay Contest. We discussed collaborating with The Reporter to hold an essay contest in our community. Tami Whicher will find out if The Reporter is interested in the idea.
5. **November 13<sup>th</sup> –The Gathering:** The following items were discussed.
  - Reviewed the invitation and noted changes. Invitations will go out this week. It was decided that invitations would be sent to everyone on the United for Diversity mailing list also.
  - Sister Stella reviewed the list of approximately 16 responses so far. Members were asked to follow up with additional contacts and send information to her this week.
  - Brad Nielson, a member of Leadership Fond du Lac, expressed interest in attending The Gathering. His group also had a similar idea as The Gathering and wants to discuss the possibility of working with us. An invitation will be sent to him.
  - Tracy Gravelle will work on getting the food and beverages and the display board for The Gathering.
  - Joan Bowser will take care of getting paper goods and name tags.
  - Bill Reinhardt will find out about the status of Diversity Circles before The Gathering.
  - Sister Stella will create the agenda and possibly a questionnaire to gather information and ideas from the other groups. Some of the ideas for the questionnaire were website links to the other groups, How can we support each other and continue the dialog, create a master calendar of events, ask for other contacts, and Where do we go from here?

**Next meeting:** The Gathering – November 13<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m., Fond du Lac Public Library

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Whicher