

FACA Steering Committee Minutes August 23, 2017

In attendance: Keith McBride, Jane Bradley, Elizabeth Guffey, Ed Bradley, Betsy Roper, David Webster, Nancy Salmon, Scott Miller, John Albright

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm.

(1) FINANCIAL Report – Jane Bradley

- as of 7/31/17 statement balance is \$3533.65
- rec'd \$1000 donation from Kennebec Savings
- \$1850 final payment due to RC
- meeting costs tbd
- community partners breakfast costs were \$95.52 + an unspecified amount to be determined

(2) COMMUNITY PARTNERS meeting

- NS, DW, EB organized meeting of all those who participated in the MAC DDCED grant application; turnout was good, with only a few notable absences
 - attended: LL Bean, GFCC, FCL, FCS, Eric Bryant, MASISTA, WNF, FptHistSoc
 - NS met the next day with new FHS drama teacher
- at the meeting FACA presented an overview of the Cultural Plan process, general conclusions from surveys, and some data detail; highlighted the opportunity to use the objectives to their own purpose; and brought group together to connect about the ideas and energy shared at the meeting
- DW is following up to thank attendees for participating
- EB contacted no-shows to encourage them to attend public meeting on 9/25

(3) CULTURAL PLAN – September public meeting planning

Saskia participated by speakerphone.

Saskia says we should publicize the dates of all three meetings in the rollout so people can pick and choose where they want to engage and we should give them means to see reports and provide input between meetings.

The purposes of the public meetings is to get feedback to improve the Plan and to empower the community.

Rollout schedule:

- 9/25 meeting brings community together to go over goals and objectives, survey data, and get feedback; refine language of goals and objectives; and capture any ideas that come up so they can be considered for the strategies meeting
- 10/18 (target date) strategy / draft plan meeting invites community partners and public back to delve into strategies and actions, the meat of the plan; getting feedback on the actions recommended and finding out if there are people/groups in the community who can help make each piece happen
- 11/16 (target date) plan summary meeting: 3rd and final meeting to roll out final draft summary; introduce final draft in open forum setting; consider introducing Town Council to the plan at that meeting

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Saskia suggests presenting the final plan at a regular Town Council meeting for adoption by the town.

Group discussed options for day of week and time of day to hold public meetings for highest potential participation.

There was a general discussion of the strategies noted in the worksheets for the October meeting. There was particular concern about the difference between supporting the schools in their arts education plans vs. “meddling” in their curriculum development.

(4) NEW BUSINESS

Freeport Monopoly – Greater Freeport Chamber of Commerce has given FACA a space on the Freeport Monopoly game. Group decided to decide on a new name before submitting copy for the game space if possible. David W will follow up on this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.

Public meeting: Monday, September 25, 7pm at Freeport Middle School Gymnasium