

YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

April 3, 2009

Beaver Creek School

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karin Ward, Wyona Jaffe, Eileen Jay, Micca Martinez, Don Rotta, Bob McDonald, Ken Miller, Janet Aniol, Scott Worden, Carol Nel, Lincoln Thomasson

Karin Ward announced that for the public soon Care Club Food Boxes will be available for \$15. They must be purchased one week before delivery and the delivery will be on Wednesdays. They will include staple items such as chicken, vegetables, eggs. And canned food. This program will help families meet their budgets by providing necessary food. Kent and Karin will be sending out a notice soon to families.

John Ask from the Central Arizona Food Bank Foundation has offered to include the Beaver Creek area in a food distribution program. One suggestion is called the Backpack Program where food is sent home with students on Fridays in backpacks to help get the families through the weekend. They will also provide emergency food boxes at any time needed. Call Merryl for more information. Food boxes on a weekly basis right now every Wednesday at the Seventh day Adventist Church in Camp Verde- Complete a residency verification card with Merryl then go to the church Wed from 9 1 to pick up food. The school will help ID families that need help.

There is also another food program called Bountiful Baskets which is a co-op. The baskets must be ordered on line and will be delivered to Beaver Creek School every two weeks. The cost is \$15 and no more than 100 baskets can be ordered at one time per delivery.

Bob McDonald announced that a 65' ponderosa pine will be donated to the White House from Arizona for its Christmas tree this year. He suggested our students could make some ornaments for the tree. He asked if we could work this project into our summer program.

Bob also made a report of the Youth Center in Camp Verde. There are only about 12 to 15 kids using the center. It doesn't seem to be cost effective to serve so few children. He encouraged the committee to not stop looking for a site for a community center in our area.

The Kiwanis Key Club for high school students needs two more students to make a charter. The meetings are held at the fire station on Thursday afternoons after school at 3:30 PM

The Camp Verde Little League is using Beaver Creek School's baseball field for practice. They will be helping maintain the field.

There was some discussion about funding for a youth center in our area.

Karin Ward is working on getting after school child care for families. Due to the fact the Children of Grace closed. She is working on DES contract and health licensure

Summer activities will start June 1 and go through June 19 five days a week . The afternoon activities will go until June 26th Yolanda Sprintz and Eileen Jay will be

volunteering again this year to help with the activities. A free breakfast and lunch will be offered to students through 18 years of age. Adults with disabilities also will be eligible for these free meals.

Bob McDonald asked if the Camp Verde pool will be open this summer. No one on the committee has heard for sure. The pool trips last summer were a big hit with the kids in our area and it is hoped they will be able to go again this summer.

The summer activities will be on a Google calendar and the school will send an invitation to all to get into this site. There will be a summer school but also child care for students that don't qualify for the academic program if the DES contract comes through...

The Montezuma/Rimrock Fire District wants to do a two-day training for CPR and first aid in July.

It was announced that Josh Boles, the NPS Ranger from Montezuma Well, will be doing three-day camps for the area students but no firm dates have been set. The camps will be taught by a teacher from Camp Verde in July.

Micca Martinez, a teacher from Beaver Creek School, informed the committee that there is a need for sports like horseshoes, badminton, croquet, indoor tennis, archery, bowling, etc. for students to participate in. She mentioned these as activities for the summer program. Karin asked Micca to create a requisition for supplies to get some of these activities started. It was suggested that the Kiwanis watch for sports equipment at their yard sales that might add to the pool of equipment such as golf clubs, badminton and tennis racquets, horseshoes, etc.

There was some discussion about the merits of having a movie night. Ken Miller, Pastor of Beaver Creek Baptist Church, reported that a movie night was tried last summer but it was not a big success. The subject of the movies may have been the problem. Spanish speaking attendees might go to a movie with their own language spoken.

Lincoln was asked to schedule the sports clinics at Beaver Creek School such as volleyball, baseball, basketball in the evenings. It was suggested that the Key Club members could get involved in this activity.