

Minutes

April 27, 2005; 2-3 p.m., Room 601

Community Initiatives Subcommittee

Members Present: Marcia Sandahl, Shari Olson

Items discussed:

- 1) Subcommittee membership and participation:
 - We need to recruit more members and encourage active participation.
- 2) Goal for Fall 2005 is to:
 - Meet the first week of the Fall term to get our projects coordinated within the community events calendar.
 - Create a **master schedule of diversity events** sponsored by NCTC
 - Invite community members and groups (Marcia's database with 50+ organizations) in a timely manner.
- 3) Need to create a system for information distribution to the 50+ groups.
 - Marcia was going to contact the presidents of the groups in her database to secure e-mail addresses from them. Also, she was going to check if others from within the organizations represented wanted to have information about our events sent to them directly via e-mail. This method of sharing our diversity events with community groups would have minimal cost associated with it.
 - We need to create a similar list of contacts for the East Grand Forks community.
 - ACTION: We need a volunteer to gather this data.
- 4) Proposal to the Northwest Minnesota Foundation – to be submitted by Shari this week to request funding for a community-based diversity initiative in Thief River Falls in the amount of \$76,000 (3-years).
 - Proposal ideas were created by a team from the school district and the college over the past 6 months.
 - One focus area of the proposal is Parent and Community Development events in the amount of \$15,000 (\$5,000 per year).
 - If funded, this subcommittee would champion these efforts.