

**Community Initiatives Diversity Subcommittee**  
**Minutes**  
**Tuesday, November 29, 2005**

**Attending:** Shari Olson, Marcia Sandahl, Vicki Svedarsky, Kristina Keller

1. Marcia asked if Terry Blacklance, School District Minority Programs Coordinator, should be invited to join our group. She will extend the invitation.
2. Discussion was held regarding the creation of a Community Initiatives Subcommittee on the EGF campus. The group felt that the committee should be recreated on that campus. **Pat Balstad and Robin Silverman, from the EGF campus are planning to join us at our next meeting to assist in this effort.**
3. A report from Bonnie Stewart regarding her conversations with the Landmark Forums was distributed. The group suggested that flyers announcing the next sessions scheduled in January, along with a memo encouraging staff to attend, be distributed to all staff at Northland and in the school district. It was also suggested that a representative of Landmark be invited to do a 2½ hour session at our January 5<sup>th</sup> inservice. Bonnie will be asked to make that contact.
4. Vicki shared information about Illusion Theater and the contract the school district currently has with them. They are in their season at this time putting on the performance, "What Goes Around". Vicki and Kristi will check on the possibility of the 35-minute program being performed at the January 5<sup>th</sup> inservice. Vicki indicated they do have a number of scripts that could be adapted to post-secondary or one could be written for the college. There are a number of fees involved: \$800 for the copyright, \$800 for two trainers, fee for shirts, plus housing and meals while here. Ideally, 16 students would be involved; however, they have done it with as few as 8. There must be at least two males in the group.
5. Dale reported via Vicki on his contact with Barb at the Northwest Minnesota Foundation regarding the Circle project. There is the possibility that Northland could be used as a training site creating a bridge from the school district's Circle program to the college.
6. Vicki also reported on the Restorative Justice program and discussion was held on the possibility of workshops being made available for student service personnel.
7. Kristi shared information regarding the SEED program scheduled to begin in January and asked for suggestions on how to distribute information on the program to school district staff. She will work with Vicki and Dale on this. Faculty can earn CEU's, graduate credit, or both by completing the course.
8. The group changed Goal #3 for the committee to read: Create and maintain community partnerships promoting diversity. One strategy under that goal will be "through Service Learning activities."
9. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, at 3:30 p.m. in room 645. Our task will be to brainstorm strategies for Goals 2 & 3.