



South Area Council (SAC)

October 12, 2011
Catholic Charities
8:30 a.m.

Transaction Notes

In Attendance: Chair Marilyn Ackmann, David Moor, Susan Fine, Lindsay Mvalo, April Ciccarello, Wayne Huddleston, Alison Stonecypher, Randy McGuffee

Absent: Holly Summerford, Clint Sanders, Pepper Hudson, Nikki Roblow

Chamber Staff: Pennie Blossom

Marilyn Ackmann welcomed the board and turned the floor over to Heather Reynolds, president and CEO of Catholic Charities in Fort Worth. Heather gave an overview of the faith-based organization.

Mission

To provide service to those in need, to advocate compassion and justice in the structures of society, and to call all people of goodwill to do the same.

Work

Founded in 1910, Catholic Charities Fort Worth (CCFW) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a zealous goal to end poverty in our 28 county diocese. By meeting the needs of children, families, the elderly, refugees, and immigrants regardless of creed, ethnicity or culture, CCFW is able to serve and give hope to over 110,000 individuals and families in need each year. More than 90 cents out of every dollar donated goes directly to provide services through CCFW's over 40 innovative programs, empowering clients to be self-sufficient.

Key Value Drivers: Faith Driven – Service Driven – Forward Driven

Ackmann continued with the agenda.

Action Plan

Education (Adopted School – South Hill High School)

- The board discussed the Round Table Project that took place on September 26. Everyone agreed that this is a successful and worthwhile project. A spring session is scheduled for the junior class sometime in May.
- The Tree initiative with TXU is approved. The school is open to any date that tests are not scheduled. Pennie Blossom will come up with a date and let everyone know. Some of the students and FWISD maintenance will help TXU

with the planting. Someone on the faculty will be assigned to oversee the care going forward.

Retention

- The SAC membership was up two this reporting period with 478 members.
- The Board will welcome them to the SAC either by email or a phone call.

Programming

SAC Program for 2011 – 2012

- Please see calendar in packet or visit www.fortworthchamber.com for all of the Chamber events.
- Save the date – December 14, Area Council Boards Holiday Happy Hour, Petroleum Club, 5:30 to 8:00.

Monitoring Items – April Ciccarello reported that Volunteers Centers of North Texas has an office on Stadium Drive in South FW. The Volunteer Center makes close to 79,500 traditional volunteer referrals annually. The time these volunteers donate to the community, combined with the hours worked by individuals ordered to perform community service, adds up to more than 2.5 million hours. That hour figure multiplied by \$20.25, the current estimated value of a volunteer hour, represents a value to the community of over \$50.5 million annually. Another \$6 million worth of material resources distributed through our Donated Goods Program brings the amount of The Volunteer Center of North Texas's total impact per year to \$60.5 million. To learn more go to www.vcnt.org

Business from the Floor – Randy McGuffee reported that Texas Academy of Biological Science has opened with 100 freshmen students. This is a full four-year high school and the students will graduate with 60 hours of college credit. The goal is to shorten the college pathway. Students must apply to get into the school and have a teacher's recommendation. If the applicants exceed the space the enrollment will go to a lottery procedure. They must have Algebra I to qualify. If they do not have it, they can take it in summer school on the campus.

With there being no other business Chair Ackmann dismissed the meeting for a tour of Catholic Charities facilities opened in 2010.

Next Meeting: December 14, 2011
 Tentatively at Frost Bank on Hulen
 8:30 a.m.