



East Area Council Board Meeting

July 8, 2010

Texas Wesleyan University

Transaction Notes

In Attendance: Chair John Gonzales, Casey Tibbets, Cindy Dao, Laura Myles, Beth Miletello, Andre McEwing, David Edwards, Toya Releford

Absent: Joe Martinez

Special Guest: Amyjo Measles, Day Resource Center

Staff: Pennie Blossom

Chair John Gonzales welcomed the board and asked for introductions. He then turned the floor over to Amyjo Measles with the Day Resource Center.

Amyjo Measles has been with the Day Resource Center two months. Her job is to help find jobs, housing, transportation and child care for the homeless. She hit the ground running and has already found success. Just last week she was able to place 10 people in one company. She works with Chambers, businesses, other non-profit organizations and anyone that can help whether it is for jobs, donations or any other resource to help get these people off the street and into jobs and housing. She helps with resumes, arranges mock interviews, clothing and transportation to get them out on job interviews. She arranges training to help them with basic computer skills needed for any entry level position. She helps get their birth certificates, Texas IDs, drives licenses, etc. The center provides basic hygiene at their location on East Lancaster such as showers, soap, shampoo, underwear, toothpaste and toothbrushes. That facility is not big enough to house clothing but they do have access to other closets when needed, e.g., Career Closet at First Street Mission.

The board was very interested in what the Day Resource Center is doing. Several people are going to follow-up with Amyjo on ideas and ways the EAC Board can help.

Action Plan

Education (Adopted school - Meadowbrook Middle School)

- The fourth annual Math & Science Camp was May 26 / 27, 2010. Gonzales asked the board for feedback. The entire board was in agreement that it went very well. The school has a new principal and the board plans to meet with him in September. If he is in agreement, the Math & Science Camp will continue in 2011. Pennie Blossom has already talked to the Museum of Science and History about doing one of the team building exercises next year. Suzi Hill, past chair of the board, visited with the principal at a luncheon and will send a brief write-up of their discussion.
- The tentative date for next year is May 25 and 26.

Retention

- The East Area Council membership numbers were unchanged for this reporting period.
- New members will be emailed and welcomed to the East Area Council.

Programming

- *Upcoming programs:*
 - The Chamber Event Calendar was in the meeting packet – you can find all of the Chamber events at www.fortworthchamber.com, click on events.

Monitoring Items

- East Side – Andre' McEwing, president of Southeast Fort Worth, Inc., discussed a few of the projects going on in the East Side. One of the best signs of progress is K.B. Homes. They have started building again and have another 50 affordable homes started. The expansion continues along East Rosedale all the way to Highway 287.
- TWU - The new campus fitness center is scheduled to be finished in August, depending on weather. That is ahead of schedule. The school is in a nationwide search for a new president. Dr. Lamar Smith will serve as interim president until a new one is named.
- TCC – David Edmonds reported that a lot of building is going on at TCC. Nina Petty is over all facilities and construction for the entire system. The training center on Fitzhugh has finally secured the land around the building and can now increase classes because they have the parking space. The campus continues to grow.

Business from the Floor

- A big clean-up campaign is in the works from East Rosedale to Highway 287. It is scheduled for October 23 and 24, and being led by one of the local ministers.

With there being no other business Chair Gonzales adjourned the meeting.

Next Meeting: September 9, 2010
 9:00 a.m.
 TWU