

FCA Month Year AGENDA

Date | time 1/11/2023 5:00 PM | Location Zoom

Meeting called by Chair Lisa McOmber
Type of meeting Monthly Membership
Facilitator Lisa McOmber
Note taker Kandi Camacho
Timekeeper Kandi Camacho

Attendees All Community Invited
Please read
Please bring Notes, Questions, Ideas, Comments

Agenda Items

Topic	Presenter	Time allotted
<input type="checkbox"/> Introduction: New Members	Lisa	2 mins
<input type="checkbox"/> Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes	Lisa	5 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary Updates	Kandi	5 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer Updates	Dawna	5 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Funding Requests	Lisa	2 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Project updates: (Reader Board, Parks, Comm Hub)	Rep from each.	5 min each
<input type="checkbox"/> Networking	Lisa	5 min
<input type="checkbox"/> End of Year report	Lisa	2 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Budget for new year	Lisa/Dawna	2 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Ice Cream Social Update	Lisa	5 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Reason for FCA	Lisa	5 min

Other Information

Next Meeting: @ 6pm

Attendees: Lisa McOmber, Kandi Camacho, Anne Menard, Dawna Drum, Jessica Bee, Aly Robinson, Joni Hensley, Katrina Buckman, Ally Jensen with foothills Food Partnership, Kristi Sletti, Carl McDaniel, Noelle Becroft. Linda Kerth

Introduction: New Members

Ann Menard, moved here in March 2022, recently retired, joined ND and found out about our meeting through there. Here to learn and hopefully to contribute

Ally Jensen w/ foothills food partnership. - works with WC Health Dept. works closely with food partnership in Kendall.

Katrina Buckman- Work with WC Library systems and manager of NF library next to FD. Has lived in MF or Kendall for over 10 years.

Started new year with updates for members, updates from projects.

Noelle Beecroft- Moved to Kendall about 2 years ago. Works at the foodbank. Coordinates nutrition and cooking classes throughout the county. Sits on the board of foodbank.

Chair. Recapped the history and purpose of the FCA organization in Columbia Valley. Stressed that we are funding organization and are community-led and that our primary goal is to address the needs of our area through the funding of qualified projects that benefit CV residents.

Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

November meeting minutes motion made by Kandi Camacho to accept as stands, Dawna seconded and all on favor (3 of 4 members present)

Secretary Updates

We are removing resources page from the FCA website. This information will be included in the website and newspaper by the Comm Hub going forward. Email invites will no longer be going out. FCA will create EVENT invitations on social media; ND, FB pages. Board members will re-evaluate this in 6 months. FCA Chair is working on having in person meetings instead of Zoom starting in February of this year.

Treasurer Updates

Dawna reviewed and updated community on our budget and new financial donation we received.

Question was asked for year-end total for number of funds spent for the year- Dawna provided us with spent amount on projects for 2022. Dawna will work with WFCN to balance the spreadsheet before submitting a report to our funders.

Lisa gave a brief explanation of all of the projects that we funded in 2022.

Question was asked about who is Communications Hub.

Funding Requests

No current funding requests for November or December.

Project updates:

Reader Board @ Kendall Elementary: Money was allocated for this project but has not paid out yet. They have had struggles with permitting to date. County Council approved the project recently, now in the permit process. Once this is completed, they will start to build/install the reader board.

Columbia Valley Parks & Recreation: Working on getting a fence up, bank account was needed, moving slow but getting everything in alignment. Campaign was done to see what community wants to have in the park. They are working on trying to obtain the greenbelt next to it and if successful, they will include a trail/access along the backside of division 1-5 off Santa Fe Trail at the base of Red Mountain.

Lisa gave a brief history of the first FCA funded pocket park project in the Columbia Valley community.

Communications Hub: Office is in S. Fork Valley, they have a radio station and small newspaper/letter for East County Communities. The board of Comm hub has been working for the past few years on a "newspaper" for resources, community events, and to provide "one" source of communication for all residents.

Kristi explained that the website and newspaper is a network for East County to be able to get the same reliable information out to all residents. The Communications Hub website will be accessible throughout the month, then

once monthly, info from website will be put into print format and distributed to local stores and businesses in the area.

Anticipate having the website ready for this month (January), with content to go into the website in February, first paper is expected to be in March.

Foodbank: Volunteer transportation request...did not use funds requested for 2022, will be using it for 2023 as they received another grant in May of 2022 that covered the expected expenses.

Networking

The FCA Board Members have decided to put focus efforts on reaching out to other communities to do some informational interviews with their community leaders to see what is working and what is not regarding needs. If we find something that we feel would work for our community, we will invite them to a general meeting so community will have the opportunity to ask questions.

End of Year report

End of Year (EOY) report for 2022 is much larger than last year, included pictures/narratives for interest and ease of reading. The treasurer will add financial section once check and balance is done with WFCN accounting. FCA Board will review final product and send to WFCN before 17th Jan. Once reviewed WFCN will forward directly to MBF. This annual report will be part of the annual review with community per bylaws.

Budget for new year

Board met last week and looked at what we may need in the new year, only thing possible would-be adding Adobe Pro program to our administrative toolbag, but that is a minimal cost. Also would not have the expense of a laptop and printer this year.

Ice Cream Social Update

FCA hosted an officer appreciation ice cream social for the injured officers at the fire hall in December. Officers will be returning to work in February.

Great turn out for the deputies despite a snowstorm. Spent a few hours visiting with our sheriffs.

Banner will be returned from Sheriff's office that was signed by community. We will present this at our community events to show that our community supports our first responders.

REMINDER: Any requests for time on the FCA General Meeting Agenda shall be submitted via FCA email 8 days before the scheduled general meeting. Board members meet 7 days prior to the General Meeting and finalize the Agenda at that time. Name of requestor/speaker, time requested, and topic being discussed should be included in the request.

Reason for FCA

Mission Statement:

Chair showed FCA Mission Statement as a reminder of what we are here for.

"We believe in supporting efforts that will promote and equitable and sustainable community. We believe our work will lead toward systemic change that will improve and strengthen the lives of the residents of Columbia Valley".

Values:

1. Respect: we treat all people with dignity and respect.
Discussion was had on what this means to others. And the community.
Some reflecting about this mission statement

Question was posed about possibly forming an FCA Outreach Committee.

It was offered that we could join east Whatcom resource events for outreach opportunities.

FCA was invited to help co-host CVCC potluck at EWRCC for April 10th meeting. It could be a recruitment opportunity. Contact Kristi if we want to do this. Be there at 5pm meal start sat 6pm

It was explained that FCA's idea was to start its own committee with the goal of growing the FCA organization and increasing the diverse voices of the Community. By getting more people involved we hope to generate community led projects that can be funded that would benefit the community as a whole.

We have had at least 6 new members join our Facebook page. Others have reached out wanting to join the meetings this week affirming our marketing and outreach efforts are starting to produce interest and attention.

We are working/focusing time this year on our message that we want to get out to the community.

WFCN has a temp employee doing postings etcetera. Kristi offered to have anything we produce posted on bulletin boards if we would want that option. WFCN would have their temp employee do this for us.

Suggestion/ideas: no one brought up.

Other Discussion:

- We have noticed more recently more community members are helping each other now.
- Ideas were discussed about possible SM to highlight the positivity in the community.
- Aly (WCHD) now resides in Kendall and is now here as a community member not as a HD employee.

Ally Jensen spoke about Foothills Community Food Partnership.

Closing: Chair thanked all participants for their attendance and involvement in our important work. Next meeting scheduled for February 8th 5PM. May be an in-person meeting. Notices will be posted on Social Media outlets.

Mtg adjourned: 6:04pm