**SU meeting notes from 12-17-22**

- Our first empowerment event is on January 28 at township offices—we will need a FLYER to share and post.

- volunteers needed—in addition to speakers, we should have 4 or 5 people to facilitate

- participants—Taneda A, PSLS; Jonathon E, insurance; David from Woodforest Bank, finances; Michael H,

psych health & goal setting; Sandy C, peace circles\*; Ranisah Brown, social work resources; we will be - adding a speaker to discuss issues of suicide (from Break the Silence…)

- other locations for events are Riverwalk, the retirement centers, mosques, churches

- *SpeakUp SpeakOut!*

- we talked about recruiting mentors and judges and will be checking in with last year’s participants

- firm up locations for events and meetings—schools, churches, etc.

- we are scheduling a tour of the Route 66 museum—sound studio is promising for youth use

- we will be putting together a newsletter and using new social media—Fanbase, clubhouse,…

- volunteers needed—one person/mentor for every 1-2 contestants; approx. 5 experienced people to act as

judges; 4-5 people to facilitate the process at each large event (does not include small group meetings between

mentors and contestants); donors to provide snacks, etc; several people with appropriate venues to host;

everyone to promote!

- We want to do a PODCAST!

- Grants

I need to some information to use when working on grants:

- typical hourly commitment per week from each member (I’m looking at YOU-- Trista, Sandy,

Michael H., Cynthia P., Ranisah, and Pamela F [SU and Vote] especially)

- clearly defined roles of each board member and associate

- Jamie Wood may create our website; we will need someone to monitor it.

- Membership: once we reach 25 members, we will set our membership dues.

- A reminder--SpeakUp! t-shirts available. Sizes S – XX, $20; XXX and up, $25.

- Announcement day on radio station WWHN; WJOL, on with Toni on the 20th?

- “Do You Know Your Neighbor” (MH’s notes)

- Flash mod with Darlene Bradley, May 27th to be held at the old Will County courthouse. She will be at the next

meeting.

- GALA fundraiser: more details to come.

Closing: we discussed the timing for events and meetings. Thursday at 6:30 pm was agreed as the best combination.

\* Sherry, acting as our political liaison suggested we offer a peace circle at a Will County Board meeting.