

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY-VOICE CORE TEAM MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 12, 2007

Present: Jan Losi, Nancy Kresge, Bette Brunish, Helen Cyrulik, Mary Ann Sheldon,  
Luke Reigstad, Mary Ann Reigstad, Philip Siddons, Linda Siddons, Carol Horvath.

Meeting called to order at 7pm.

Opening Prayer: Mary Ann Sheldon.

Welcome to new members Luke and Mary Ann Reigstad.

1. One-on-One Reports: Reflection on Nancy Freeland's training was found to be helpful and a good presentation. 1:1 reports given by committee members. Philip spoke with Pastor Dan, he wants Philip to talk to Church Council. Philip observed that he sees commonality in mission and values behind several organizations, but don't talk about it
2. Worship Service-Nov. 18th at Westminster Presbyterian at 4pm. Firmed up details of who is going and Philip will take pictures.
3. General Meeting- Nov. 19 at Holy Cross, 345 7th St. Buffalo at 7pm. Mary Ann and Luke Reigstad expressed interest in going.
4. Discussion of "Empowering the Poor:" by Robert C. Linthicum. See handout. How to use power/ How did Jesus use power?/ to empower others/ unconditional love.
5. Fundraising: Pecan Sale continues. Feast of Tables committee meeting for Thurs. 12/6 at 5:30pm. Art Auction committee meeting for Thurs. 11/29 at 3:30pm at the VOICE office at 345 Franklin Street.
6. Sprawl Transportation Task Force Update: working on IDA reform. New Advisory group being formed for GBNRTC, reason being all transportation monies for this area goes before GBNRTC-this is a powerful group.
7. Thruway Alliance update: 6 organizations across NYS make up this group. Issues assembly held last week. Issue areas looked at included: Health care, Youth employment; the Buffalo local issue was multi, including IDA's, but did not make the top 3, but we can still work on it. The top 3 issues voted on to work on as state wide issues are: 1. Health care. 2. Local Hiring Benefits/Workforce Development (NOAH, Niagara Co. asking companies to have local jobs), 3. Youth Jobs/prevent violence.
8. NYTA "Coming Out Party". To be held Jan 29-30, 2008 in Rochester. 6 groups come back together to review top issues and see if these are doable. Travel money is available to those interested in going.
9. Training: Leaders Retreat on 1/12/08 from 9am-12:30pm. Local location TBA.
10. Evaluation: Suggestion: VOICE Core Team/Outreach be linked together as one body and change name. Talk to Pastor Dan and Outreach Committee.  
Evaluation of this meeting: interesting, busy, ambitious, overwhelmed.

Closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Next Meeting is Monday, December 10, 2007 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Helen Cyrulik.