

Evanston Hungry Children Backpack Program
November 19, 2015 Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Irene Hansen. Present were: Bev Fackrell, Tina Taylor, Judi Leffin, Carlos Vasquez, Glen Defa, Joy Bell, and Deborah Demander.

Irene reported a bank balance of \$15,639.58 as of today. A \$500 donation from Rocky Mountain Power and a \$200 donation from the VFW has recently been deposited.

Carlos and Joy reported on the fundraising meeting and a list of ideas prepared by Gerry was distributed. Irene asked that anyone interested in taking on any of the fundraisers contact Gerry or Irene. There are some great ideas and we need lots of help.

Joy reported on her filing of the IRS paperwork and State of Wyoming 501(c)3 paperwork so that we are now in compliance. She said Uinta Bank is interested in donating to the program. She has also changed the Registered Agent to her name so that we stay on top of necessary filings.

Joy also reported that we have determined an estimate for feeding 160 children this school year is about \$28,000-\$32,000.

It was agreed that the bags could include a few more items in the future as long as the amount of the bags remained around \$5.00 and no more than \$6.00. Irene suggested that a "Compleats" be included in the Thanksgiving weekend bag for each child. Because of past discussions, Carlos was not planning to pack for the holiday weekend but it was agreed to pack on Monday evening for Monday evening pickup by the schools. The bags would be regular weekend bags with the aforementioned increases.

Carlos will contact the schools to pick up Monday night.

Carlos had gathered information from another state about a portion of municipal fines being allocated for the hungry. Joy said she would contact Chris Jensen to explore the possibility in Evanston.

Motion Joy, second Glen to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Passed.

Carlos is building the Walmart bins. He will also be setting up a table at Santa's Workshop.

Judi Leffin expressed her interest in becoming involved in the program and will take some totes to the Wyoming State Hospital in hopes of getting food and/or funds donated.

Carlos reported he has organized a competition at the courthouse for donations.

Union Wireless has told Carlos that they would like to include something special in the Christmas bags and will help with packing on December 16th.

Tina reported they have received lots of food as a result of Aspen Elementary's food drive. She will work with Bev to get the food to the Backpack facility.

Next meeting will be held on December 17, 2015, at the Human Services Conference Room at 4:30.

Irene Hansen