

**Community Engagement**  
**October 9, 2018**  
**Clark Pleasant Library**  
**3:30-5pm**

**Attendees:** Bonnie, Davin, Sarah, Danielle, Jennifer

Davin- Welcome to Clark Pleasant Library- 4 branches- White River, Franklin, Trafalgar and Clark Pleasant branches. Oct 27<sup>th</sup> Halloweentown festival in Franklin. Frankenfest read-a-thon at the library service center from 10-6pm.

Heather is looking for a co-chair for Community Engagement.

**Voice of the Community-** Jennifer and Bonnie. Library international festival is currently going on. Alamar movie tonight at 7pm at the Artcraft Theater. On Oct 13<sup>th</sup> in Franklin, last At Home workshop on Mexico with a Mariachi Band.

**Home and Garden-** Danielle- chair- talked about local food app listing local food vendors, Purdue extension offers food link (website and app) with info on fruits and veggies +recipes. She talked to two potential people -Jennifer suggested Matt Sprout info to Danielle Dennis. Bonnie suggested Bob Beasley at Franklin College that teaches computer science. Need a basic app that can be updated by our committee.

Also talked about a Garden Tour through the county.

Maybe trails could be a part of community engagement to sustain once it's done.

Walking group- Danielle has access to an email based walking group. Interested in doing Walktober (during October). Work place wellness programs could take that on. Davin said that people like the competitive aspect of that with prizes. Danielle would partner on in face and then online education. Could tie-in with the trails. Maybe overlap with people that are interested in conservation.

Marketing and Sponsorship- no updates at this time.

Voice of the Community- Jennifer reported on Activity books and scheduled deliveries. Franklin is out-all next week. Clark pleasant is out this week and next. Jennifer will reach back out to schools including Indian Creek, Greenwood Christian Academy- Jennifer need contacts. St. Rose of Lima in Franklin, Our Lady of Greenwood, St. Francis and Claire. Give some books to **Davin** – he has a trip planned to Greenwood Christian Academy. Other team members can help as we set dates/ time set.

Suggestion from Lisa on a community conversation topic- Suicide Prevention. The library could do it as a part of their author series. Maybe work with schools, show a film at the Artcraft. Jennifer filled the team on about how the Stellar Communities process works. Maybe considering for fall 2019 or later. Danielle would help if we looked at this. Davin said that you need a hook, like a well-known author to bring people in.

Bonnie shared about her thoughts on poverty and under-resourced people. Would we consider a Community Conversation in the Spring with the culture of poverty. Possibly a poverty simulation, or a Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop, speakers, books, presenters that have graduated from Bridges

Alliance. "Bootstraps and Benefits" civic discourse on the book. Maybe tie-in data from MIBOR and No Place to Call Home survey on homelessness. Bonnie would be willing to head it up and it might be considered as an LJC project. Also add in food pantry/ community garden at WIC office as education.

Talked about at November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting setting attainable goals for 2019- make a special plea for all interested members to attend. Looking at picking one project that is achievable with specific tasks split between the whole team that help them feel invested instead of splitting into small groups.

November 15 event- Community Conversation on I-69 to educate the public. A sub-committee is working on planning the event.

Consider a meeting hiatus December 13<sup>th</sup>- we'll wait to see if we have items to discuss.

Davin could bring a matrix to help decide and look timeline and prioritize project in November. Reevaluate our projects and **bring a short paragraph about your project idea to explain to everyone next month.**

**Aspire Large Group meeting is Wednesday Oct 24<sup>th</sup> from 8-9:30 at Franklin High School (please check in at office when you arrive) where a diversity panel will be speaking on their experiences in Johnson County.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Hollingshead