



General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: 02/03/2008

Next Meeting: 03/05/08

Present: Louis J. Gastelum, Rachel Brown, Brian Wells, Nicole Peterson, Kay Davis, Laura Bently Davis, Joey Kramar, Toni & Steve Schilkrou, Scott Fullerton, Bob Holmes, Sandy Driscoll, Don Rowinsky, And Jennifer Roller

Old Business- Last meeting minutes not ready due to Louis being sick

MVPC Officer Elections

Brian - Co Chair No opposition

Nicole - Co-Chair No opposition

Joey Kramar - Treasurer No opposition

Louis J. Gastelum - Secretary No opposition

Laura Price - Treasurer No opposition

One Trustee position open

Movie Nights - we had a WONDERFUL time and a great turn out we would like to have another one 02/22/2008 at Brian & Louis' House @ 7pm if you would like to bring snacks, beverages, and finger foods if you would like to share

Our website has changed to www.mvpridecenter.org

New Business-

Raymond Wean Foundation

Jennifer Roller Program Officer

-To support neighborhood groups

-Neighborhood Success Grant Program

-\$150,000.00 put into pot for neighborhood groups 1 grant, 1 group, 1 year, per organization

-Putting money in hands of folks closest to the problems

-\$500.00 - \$5000.00 grants

-Must be 501(C)(3) (Non-Profit) not necessary you can get a Fiscal Agent

-Grant writing - process made easier by converting grant writing to an application which is available on website.

-March 31st is the deadline for applications

-Jennifer has volunteered to come back to help fill out application

-Suggests submitting more than one idea

-What can we do with the money:

-Neighborhood Connections (for ideas for grants)

-Neighborhood education

-Porch lights on

-Lot clean-ups

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-Neighborhood gardens

-In Kind

- 50/50 matching
- Using volunteering hours
- Items donated

-4 grant deadlines per year

- Letter of inquiry needs to be submitted by March 1st.
- April 15th is the next consideration date

- June 1st next inquiry deadline
- September 1st consideration

-General Grant making Workshop

-Feb 22 at Youngstown Public Library 10:00 AM

Our Ideas:

- Billboard campaign
Contact Michelle Quimby @ Lamar Signs regarding billboard price
- Moving expenses
- Phone bank

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