

TOMCAT BRIDGEBUILDERS' MEETING MINUTES

September 4, 2013
Trimble High School

Members present: Diana Chalfant, Megan Exline, Lisa Fierce, Tessa Fierce, Belinda Fleming, Claudia Guffey, Kelly Hatas, Tom Marx, Svea Maxwell, Jonah Mullins, Alice Richards, Jeff Ross, John Schmieding, Rick Seiter, Kathy Trace, and Mandy Wright

Ms. Trace called the meeting to order at 5:32.

1. **Board of Director's Report and Other Discussion**

Ms. Trace said the board of directors had met before the full meeting. She said minor changes in bylaws and election of officers were discussed. Members discussed Red Ribbon activities and Healthy Kids classes will begin soon. Also, there will be a monthly food give away at the schools and will include fresh produce.

2. **Treasurer's Report**

Ms. Chalfant distributed the Treasurer's Report handout for review.

3. **United Appeal Update and Fundraiser Update**

Ms. Guffey said 125 donation request letters and the annual report would be mailed after Labor Day. Ms. Trace said a fundraising event would be held at the Eclipse Restaurant on September 21st, from 5:00pm-9:00pm. She said TCBB would be providing a centerpiece that Ms. Chalfant created and volunteers were still needed.

4. **DFC Grant Update**

Awardees have not been announced.

5. **Honor Trust Project**

Ms. Guffey said she received a letter from the Court of Common Pleas with information for grants created from a \$9 million dollar settlement which are available to all 501c3 organizations in Ohio. The grants will be used for help with finding employment or to impact employment.

6. **Other**

1. Lisa and Tessa Fierce gave an update on the CADCA conference and thanked the members for helping with the trip expenses.
2. Mr. Schmieding discussed a conflict management training to be held September 10th. He said there had been two meetings with twenty-five participants and would like to have a local team.
3. Mr. Seiter discussed the Appalachian Color in the Hills festival taking place on October 4th-6th. He said TCBB had been offered a booth for a donation. He also said brochures could be placed at the Athens Area Mediation table.
4. Ms. Hatas said the summer crisis assistance program has ended and the winter crisis assistance program begins November 1st and the short-term employment through the county ends in September but employment opportunities are still available for flood and wind repairs.

7. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is October 2, 2013

8. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.