

Community Engagement Committee Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2025 7:30 PM

Attendees: Falguni Dharodiya, Linda Peterson, Jenny Haase, Tara Bradshaw, Bryn Johnson, Kellie Challburg, Melarie Wheat. Via Zoom: Amitava Ray, Silvia Araoz, Lucy Williams

The Inspirational Thought was given by Lucy Williams- Lucy spoke about the danger of judging people. She told about an experience with a friend that wore a t-shirt with opposing political views. She really liked this new friend and was so glad she had made the friendship and did not judge this person on their political views. If she had, she would have missed out on a wonderful friendship.

Susan Harrell was in attendance as the guest speaker, with several other attendees. Susan is the Co-Director of "Jesus Feeds"- a food pantry located in the Adventure Church in Draper. Jesus Feeds partners with the Utah Food Bank, Feeding America, United Way, and other stores and restaurants. They have food deliveries on Wednesdays and will end up feeding 70+ families on Thursdays at the Draper location. Susan brought guests that told their emotional stories about how they have greatly benefitted from this local food pantry- not only the food donations but also the friendships.

Susan is seeing more and more of a need due to the rising price in housing. Their space is very limited and would really love a mobile food pantry. She said they appreciate all the donations and particularly those items that are not eligible with SNAP funds, such as toothpaste and toiletries. The committee showed interest in volunteering and helping the food pantry. They will coordinate with Susan for the best time to show up.

The committee approved the minutes from February 19, 2025
Jill made the motion to approve, Tara seconded.

A: Education Team

- Linda mentioned the challenges of highlighting non-profits due to the fact that the city should be fair and highlight all non-profits if they do one. Kellie mentioned that the SVC committee donated to Holly's house over the holidays.
- Tara mentioned canceling the April meeting due to several members being out of town.
- Linda gave a recap of social media posts last month- a very positive reaction to the Ramadan post- with about 5700 views, which is larger than most. The city also replayed the women's history video and Tara was on a video spotlighting the community engagement committee. They are headed to Skaggs to film an Easter video the following week.

B: Business & Community Relations Team

- Tara mentioned the volunteer breakfast and congratulated Melarie on volunteer of the year. Kellie mentioned that the Aquarium is a nice venue and makes it easy.
- Linda mentioned that she hasn't heard back on the welcome magnets.
- Magnet to have city events schedule
- Committee spoke regarding grand openings and ribbon cuttings

C: Events Team

- Kellie discussed the upcoming Cinco de Mayo event 6-8 pm, – 11 food trucks and four entertainers.
- Kellie asked the committee if they were willing to help with the pie contest, just m
- Mainly staffing and getting the word out. Bryn mentioned that pens and paper were needed.
- Jenny mentioned the Visual Arts Foundation would be hosting the high school art awards competition soon, and outlined the submission details.

Motion to Adjourn: 1st Falguni Dharodiya 2nd Jenny Haase