

**Minutes from Steering Committee Meeting Written by Enrique
Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m.**

Present: George Evans Light, John Harkness, Katie Lewis, John Breazeale, Rev. Bert Montgomery, Barbara Tucker, Enrique Martinez, and Kathleen Olivieri

Moderator: The Reverend Lynn Phillips-Gaines

1. Opening Prayer
2. Opening Remarks- Kathleen Olivieri
 - a. Introduced Enrique Martinez.
3. Get involved in initiatives- Katie made the following announcements...
 - a. Inquiry Meeting for the Getting Ahead class will be held April 2 at the Emerson Family Center in Starkville at 5:30 p.m.
 - b. The 2013 Getting Ahead class is scheduled for either the week of May 6th or May 13th.
 - c. The Facilitator/Ally Training with Phil DeVol is scheduled for Thursday, April 11th from 8:30 AM till 3:30 PM. All the Steering Committee has been signed up to attend. Everyone one involved with Bridges should be there. (Kathleen Olivieri, George Evans Light, Burt Montgomery and John Breazeale have committed to this event.)
 - d. Enrique Martinez will be calling Steering Committee in regards to the Facilitator Training class. All of our Steering Committee should attend this meeting. The fees have already been paid to do so those who can, will be asked to buy their own books.
4. Marketing- Lynn announced the following...
 - a. Enrique Martinez is in charge of marketing for BOP.
 - b. Stay tuned to the Facebook page for events, fundraising activities, and upcoming classes.
5. The Bridges Community Soiree - Lynn discussed the following...
 - a. We will be using Eventzilla for the Bridges Community Soiree event on May 16, so there will be no need for tickets.
 - b. The prize for each ticket will be raised to \$100.00 to be able to pay for the food provided at the event. People can bring their checks for this event to the Bridges office.
 - c. All members of the Steering Committee will have reduced rates to make it more affordable to attend.
 - d. The Bridges Community Soiree is scheduled for Thursday, May 16. We have the support of Taylor Adams and Rhonda Keenum.
 - i. Taylor Adams will be doing the commentary.
 - ii. We need ideas of what we can place in our silent action that will interest people who attend to bid on the prizes.

6. Phillips Financial Habitat Golf Classic-
 - a. The tournament will be held at the Starkville Country Club.
 - i. It will be a 4 person scramble so teams better start practicing!
 - ii. Starkville Bridges will have a team participate in this event.

7. Our Next Steering Committee meeting will be held on April 18th at 11:30 a.m. at The Veranda Restaurant in Starkville. The meal will be provided by Starkville Bridges out of Poverty so make sure not to miss out!