

**Minutes from Steering Committee Meeting Written by Enrique Martinez
Thursday, April 18th, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m.**

Present: George Evans Light, Taylor Adams, Parker Wiseman, Katie Lewis, John Breazeale, Rev. Bert Montgomery, Barbara Tucker, Enrique Martinez, Kathleen Olivieri, Stedmond Ware, Nancy Walsh, and Jim Ellis

Moderator: The Reverend Lynn Phillips-Gaines

1. Opening Prayer – Stedmond Ware
2. Opening Remarks - Enrique Martinez
 - a. Introduced Kim Harris. She is a student-worker that Meggan Franks and Stedmond Ware helped us find through the Maroon Volunteer Center. Kim is a Social Work major and will graduate in 2015. She will be working part-time for Starkville Bridges.
3. Past Events - Katie Lewis
 - a. The Facilitator/Ally Training with Phil DeVol on Thursday, April 11th went great! Phil DeVol spoke very highly of our initiative.
 - b. Lynn commented that Starkville Bridges is the most fulfilling initiative she has ever done and that the Facilitator Training was the best event we have had to date.
 - c. Nancy Walsh discussed changes that she saw between the old Facilitator book and the new Facilitator book. She found the new book more interactive and visually helpful.
 - d. Lynn suggested bringing together a study group to go through the Facilitator book.
4. Financial Business - Katie Lewis
 - a. John Harkness made a financial contribution to pay for the meal for the May 7th GA class.
 - b. The City of Starkville is providing the meal for our second class on Tuesday May 14th.
 - c. G.E. Light brought up that the owner of Casserole Kitchen would be willing to supply a meal for one GA class.
 - d. In relation to the meals for the GA class, Sarah Moye (a former GA graduate) has provided us with a list of potential meal options that she believed the GA participants would like.
5. Current Projects and Events - Katie Lewis
 - a. The Getting Ahead Orientations will be held on Monday, April 29th and Tuesday, April 30th. They will be held at the Episcopal Church in Starkville from 5:30 until 6:30 p.m.
 - i. Lynn suggested that it would be nice to have all our Steering Committee members there to ask and answer questions.

- b. The BB4K volunteer orientation will be held in Moseley Hall on Friday, May 3rd from 1-5 p.m. Eight BB4K volunteers that are attending the training participated in the program the previous year. Nancy Walsh and Katie Lewis will be helping Stedmond Ware by explaining the GA class to the volunteers.
- c. The Bridges Community Soiree - Lynn discussed the following.
 - i. The event will be held on Thursday, May 16 from 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm.
 - ii. Kim Harris has sent out the invitation to the Steering Committee members via email.
 - 1. The invitation was created by Andy Lewis from the design partnership of Lewis & Gayley.
 - 2. Also, Mr. Mark Wood from Chalet printed the invitations and posters. He was generous enough to donate all of the posters. If you see him around town, please thank him.
 - iii. We are using Eventzilla for the Bridges Community Soiree registration, so there will be no need for tickets or ticket office locations. <http://starkvillebridgessoiree.eventzilla.net>
 - iv. The price for each ticket will be \$100.00 for pre-purchased, online tickets and \$125 for tickets purchased at the door. The price per ticket has increased due to the expense associated with the food and wine.
 - v. Steering Committee Members (and their spouses) will be able to buy their tickets for \$50 each. This is ONLY for Steering Committee Members and their spouses.
 - vi. Sponsorship tables are \$1,000, seat 8 people and come with sponsorship recognition. Also, the sponsorship tables are the only tables that will have reserved seating.
 - vii. Bridgett Harding will be the caterer for this event, and she is working with Taylor Adams on the food selections.
 - viii. Enrique will be working on the Silent Auction
 - 1. We need ideas and items for the silent auction!
 - 2. If you know anyone who would be willing to donate an item, please contact Enrique Martinez.
 - ix. Taylor Adams will be doing the commentary this year.
- 6. Our Next Steering Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, May 23rd at 11:30 a.m.