



Steering Committee Meeting

May 8, 2014

Queen Brown

Present: G.E. Light, Chris Taylor, John Harkness, John Breazeale, Ned Browning, Beverly Hammett, Ruth Brown, Nikki Rives, Queen Brown

1. Meeting began at 11:07 a.m.
2. John opens meeting discussing the new changes made from last week's Board of Directors meeting:
 - No G.A. classes
 - No wine tasting (motioned approved for a one year break on fundraising)
 - Introduced the one day training that will be headed by Bobbie Weatherly
3. One day Training
 - Bobbie Weatherly will conduct the training
 - Weatherly's fee is \$1,000 plus expenses; Lynn Phillips-Gaines suggested he could stay at her house
 - The training will consist of the One Day Community training beginning the first half of the day (until about 2:30), and the Facilitator training ending the day
 - **Note:** Everyone affiliated with Starkville Bridges has to go through training; \$50 for training
 - Lynn suggested that everyone, including those who already are Facilitators, attend the training for a refresher
 - Date: September 16, 2014, which is a Tuesday that everyone agreed would be the best for the week day
 - No to the weekend because of football season

- Facility: The Sportsplex in Starkville will house the training
- Publicity:
 - Newspaper feature: Starkville Daily and Dispatch
 - Super Talk Radio and MSU Radio
 - Maroon Volunteer Center to put on website
 - Volunteer Starkville
 - Golden Triangle
 - Church bulletins (everyone tell their own church)
 - Flyers: certain places, such as, City Bagel Café, 929 Coffee Bar, etc.
 - “E-mail blast” to different websites and companies and businesses; Department heads at MSU
 - Elmarie Brooks at Emerson Family School
 - Hospital bulletin
 - Greeks (possibly)
 - Civic Clubs; Rotary Club
 - George suggested inviting, or even possibly having the training in, West Point or Columbus to “bump up” our numbers; consequently, this will also be publicity and more exposure for Starkville Bridges.
- Materials:
 - Sign-up sheet
 - Folders
 - Notebook paper
 - Writing utensils
 - **Note:** Stennis Institute should supply most material needed

4. BB4K

- Rod Holmes is the coordinator
- BB4K will be in conjunction with the Starkville Boys & Girls Club
- The program will begin June 2 and end August 4
- The schedule has been planned and revised, “field trips” are on the calendar, and currently mentors are being recruited

5. Financial Report

- Now at \$22,000 in donations
- Lynn confirmed at Board of Directors meeting that for the first quarter we are stable

6. 2015

- Nikki suggested that since we are not doing any sessions for 2014 as far as G.A. classes goes, we should start preparing for 2015 now.
 - A committee to begin planning will be formed
7. **Note:** The next Steering Committee meeting will be June 12
 8. **Note:** Margaret Weining is at OCH in room 306. Prayers and visits would be nice.

Adjourned: 11:48 a.m.