

Notes from June 27 2012 Meeting of the Faith Subcommittee of the VSSTF

In attendance: Neal Andrews Kent Brinkmeyer Susan Brinkmeyer Cindy Cattle Dorothy FastHorse Jill Forman Lynn Geller Rose Ann Hill John Sanders Jones Jerome Kahler Frans Reijerse Deborah Schreiber

Agreements:

1. Members of the committee will call churches they have some connection with (and that they volunteered to call) to learn what services that church offers ask questions about food pantries specifically and identify a contact or representative for the subcommittee from that church and invite that person to our meetings. If that church has a food pantry they will forward to the appropriate individual from that church the invitation to our August 22 meeting and food-panty inquiry form.
2. In making calls members will attempt to learn if churches offer services in the following areas (see attached form): Food Pantries Employment Assistance Financial Aid or Vouchers Meal Programs Rental Assistance Clothing or other supply Giveaways (e.g. Diapers feminine products hygiene kits) Medical Assistance Mentoring Tutoring Housing Parking or Safe-Sleep-type assistance Legal Assistance Utility Bill Assistance a Thrift Center and/or Case Management.
3. At the July 25 meeting of the subcommittee we will follow up on the results of these phone calls
4. At the August 22 meeting we will review and discuss information provided by those offering food pantry services. Those who have food pantries or are interested in learning about food pantries will be invited to attend.
5. Sue Brinkmeyer will invite service providers who have food pantries (e.g. Project Understanding Salvation Army) to attend August 22 meeting and complete inquiry sheet.
6. Frans will send Sue a flyer showing all services provided by Catholic Charities
7. Sue will send committee members meeting notes, a revised list of Faith Organizations in Ventura, the Catholic Charities flyer, a check list of services provided by faith groups, and a questionnaire re food pantry services to forward to anyone who is found to have a food pantry.
8. The selection of co-chairs will be addressed at a future meeting.

Next meeting: Wednesday July 25 3 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura 5654 Ralston Ventura in the "Green Room."