

CAP Directors Report 1/23/2013

Youth Center

The Youth Center averaged 31 youth in December. A fun night scheduled for Dec. 21 with a caricature artist (sponsored by the library) was canceled due to the blizzard but will be rescheduled. Jody will be leaving for maternity leave soon and Alex Ackerman has been hired to cover for her.

Six Youth Center participants volunteered at the Breakfast with Santa event and the Whoville Grinch event.

Seniors

The January luncheon served 26 seniors and had a hat history presentation by Simone Mausser. All senior activities have been moved back down to the Amundson Center for the 2013 year because the Village of Cambridge has graciously waived the usage fee. We hope this will be more convenient for all of the seniors.

Ripley Park

The Holiday Lights in Ripley Park saw a decrease in attendance by about half this winter, even with an increase in advertising. There were quite a few attendees who came through with free coupons for the event, so we possibly gave out too many. We are waiting to hear back from 4 contractors on the bathhouse remodel project, but have an advisory meeting scheduled for February to review bids.

Aquatics

The Blue Fins began their winter/spring season began January 7 with 63 swimmers this session.

The high school and middle school physical education classes will have both completed their swimming curriculum in January. Beginning 1/23, 4th & 5th grade elementary students are able to sign up to swim during late start Wednesdays. This will continue through out the third quarter. Mrs. Legge's physical education classes will begin their swim curriculum on 2/1 (every Friday) and run until the end of the year.

Over the holiday break we completed a deep cleaning of the pool deck and locker rooms. It was an amazing improvement. We have a new cleaning system which will greatly help in keep the tile looking new.

CAP CARE

CAP CARE purchased a child care manager software in January. This software program will help in keeping order of children's schedules, state forms, employee schedules, billing and much more. Mary and Lesli will be inputting all the children's information over the next week with hopes to be able to use the software for the February schedules.

Parent's night out continues to run monthly and we are hoping to draw large numbers with Valentine's day in February.

Food Pantry

Food Pantry Coordinator – The position is currently posted and will be open with a deadline of 1/25/13 for applications. Interviews will tentatively be held January 30-Feb. 1 with a goal to get a qualified candidate on board mid February. Amanda Hollis, CAP CARE assistant and Pool Manager, has picked up hours at the Food Pantry during the day to ensure we have someone at the Pantry during posted open hours. Volunteers have been great; we've had some new volunteers help out as well as ones that have been active in the past. Have set up online registration for volunteer sign-up and have gotten positive feedback from the volunteers on this. Volunteers are emailed this link and it is also sent to CAP participants and posted on our website to recruit new volunteers. Bridgette has been at the Pantry on Mondays, both during stocking hours and open hours for clients. Finishing up annual tax letters to donors – goal is to have them all sent by 1/25/13.

January 2013 numbers served:

| | Adults | Children | Families | New |
|----------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
| January | | | | |
| 7 | 84 | 54 | 44 | 2 |
| 14 | 48 | 29 | 23 | 1 |
| 21 | 65 | 43 | 33 | 0 |
| 28 | | | | |
| | 197 | 126 | 100 | 3 |

Additional Program Info

Adopt-a-child – Despite the blizzard, Officer Reynolds and Bridgette delivered presents to 45 families on Friday, December 21. The Cambridge community provided gifts for 105 children; CAP purchased gifts for 37 of those children with proceeds from Breakfast with Santa and donations.

Recreation Supervisor – Ben Dayton's last day was Saturday, December 22. He has started a new position in Lake Mills as the Recreation Director for the School District. Lesli, Jody and Bridgette held interviews December 26 & 27. Six candidates were interviewed and Chad Holpfer was offered the position. Chad started January 5.

Youth Basketball – Chad and Bridgette have been busy with youth basketball – we have hosted two out of the three Saturdays in January and host again the next two Saturdays. We currently have 62 boys registered for grades 4-8. Chad and Bridgette will also be working with the league director from Waterloo to form a league board to better address matters of the league for future years.

Triathlon – Plans are underway for the first Cambridge Triathlon. We have met with Race Day Events, a company out of Madison that will be assisting us with timing and race day logistics. The race will be held on Sunday, August 25 and will be called "Try Cambridge Tri."

Men's League Basketball and Co-ed Volleyball have started on Wednesday nights. We have 6 teams in basketball and 4 teams in volleyball.

Cambridge Wellness Collaborative met and has begun assessments needed for the CDC change grant. The CAP has also been chosen to participate in the upcoming Fort Health Care Slim Down Challenge. We will again be rewarded \$25 for every participant up to 100 participants – to be used towards wellness initiatives.

Grants – Four grants were submitted to the Cambridge Foundation totaling \$13,195. Grants include – Senior Luncheons (\$2,700), Community Café (\$5,250), Water bottle refill stations for the schools – matching funds to Fort Health Care dollars (\$2,000), and matching funds for purchase of a Wibit (\$3,245). Additionally, a volunteer has approached Bridgette regarding a grant available through the company she works for – together they are in the process of writing a \$10,000 grant for baseball field improvements (dugout canopies and safety netting).

Standing up for Rural WI Schools - Bridgette was recently notified by the Office of the State Superintendent that we will be a recipient of this year's "Standing up for Rural WI Schools, Libraries and Communities Award". The award recognizes partnerships between and among schools, libraries, and communities that have resulted in programs or projects which demonstrate the great potential and collaborative spirit of rural Wisconsin. It is an honor to be chosen - seven recipients are awarded throughout the state of WI. We will be honored at a reception at the Concourse Hotel in Madison on Friday, February 1 followed by an awards presentation and program at the State Capitol in the rotunda. At which time Tony Evers, State Superintendent, will present us with the award. This is a great honor for the program, the School District and the Cambridge Community! Congratulations to the CAP team, the District and all the many volunteers who make this program great!

Upcoming Events –

Friday, January 25 – Blue Fins meet at home 6 pm

Basketball at NMS – Saturdays January 26 & February 2

Thursday, February 7 – Community Café 5:30 – 6:30 pm; Amundson Center, hosted by the Dip for Dozer

Saturday, February 9 – Get out and Play Snow Day; West Side Park

Saturday, February 16 – Daddy Daughter Dance 5 pm – 7 pm at the NMS Historical gym

Respectfully submitted,
Bridgette Hermanson, CAP Executive Director