

CAP Directors Report 2/27/2013

Youth Center

Attendance thus far in 2013 for the Youth Center has been good. In January, 76 total kids visited the YC, averaging 29 students a day. In February, the total number of kids coming to the Youth Center grew to 100, and the average has been 27 students per day. The most attended day came in January when 38 kids checked into the Youth Center. The least attended day was also in January when 21 kids checked into the Youth Center.

The Youth Center had a dance on February 16 and 57 kids from grades sixth through eighth were in attendance.

Senior Programs

Senior activities and the luncheons have been moved back to the Amundson Center. The first luncheon this year was well attended with 32 seniors attending for some delicious pulled pork sandwiches. The February luncheon was not as well attended as only 22 senior came to enjoy lasagna and share marriage memories.

Ripley Park

The advisory board met on 2/6 to discuss the bathhouse remodel, policies regarding group shelter rentals, tree clean-up and community park clean-up. The Foundation/Community clean up date is set for Saturday, April 27.

Aquatics

The Cambridge Pool had its annual state inspection at the end of January. The state inspector, Scott Podboy, was very satisfied with the condition of the pool and didn't have any violations to report.

Blue fins will be wrapping up its season on March 8. They have done a great job this season.

The Underwater Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 28. Last year the pool had a huge turnout for this event. We are looking for even greater numbers this year and will be making a few modifications due to the large number of patrons.

CAP CARE

A CAP CARE assistant went into pre-term labor and delivered a healthy baby girl; she will be out on maternity leave until the beginning of April. Michelle Cook is covering hours to help with Loryne's leave.

Work has begun on day camp programming -themed weeks have been decided and curriculum planning has begun. We will be running day camp out of both the Lollipop Lane room and 34th street room this summer, allowing us to accommodate up to 52 children.

Work has also begun on the Youngstar assessment for 2013. CAP CARE will be rated in July; the goal for this year is to become a 5 star program. Due to running the additional room in the summer, Youngstar will now be evaluating both rooms and therefore will need to be some minor additions of supplies to the 34th street room.

Food Pantry

174 different families were served during 2012. We are averaging 30 families per night in 2013. An information sheet was along with end of year letters to donors to update them on the happenings of the pantry. Despite the snowy weather, February's Community Café, hosted by the Dip for Dozer group,

served 161 people. Next week the dinner will be hosted by Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian and Rockdale Church. The menu is set for Sloppy Joes. The Blue Jay Backpacks have gone out in both January and February with approximately 50 students (4k-12) receiving them. Nancy has begun as the Food Pantry Coordinator and has been in attendance for two open pantry nights. Bridgette and Nancy have met with staff and toured both the Community Action Coalition and Second Harvest Food Bank this week.

Youth Athletics

Chad has been busy getting acquainted with our youth sports. Basketball is coming to an end, end of the season evaluations have been sent out and an end of season coaches meeting is scheduled. He has also hosted two baseball coaches meetings and a softball meeting getting ready for the seasons to begin. He has put together a concussion training presentation and shared this with Little League baseball coaches. New uniforms are in the process of being ordered for LL, five sponsors have been secured – six are needed. Little Ladies Run club has begun with 20 girls registered.

Special Events

The Daddy Daughter Dance was held on February 16 and was considered a success by all. There were approximately 100 people in attendance. Families were treated to a candy buffet and were able to get their pictures taken. The DJ kept the families moving all night and there was nothing but smiles all around the gym.

Wellness

CAP will be hosting a triathlon on Sunday, August 25 called Try Cambridge Tri. Advertising and planning has begun and sponsors are being sought. Planning is also underway for the second annual Ripley Ride – scheduled for July 27.

The Cambridge Wellness Collaborative is working on finishing the CDC Change Grant data assessment, which will help with future grant proposals. Additionally, Bridgette continues to be active with the Fort Healthcare steering committee and the Healthy Wisconsin Leadership Institute.

Other items

27 students enjoyed a trip to Cascade last Friday, Feb. 22.

CAP received \$2,000 from the Cambridge State Bank. \$1,000 donation to the Food Panty (\$500 toward Community Café) and \$1,000 to the Sunshine Fund.

Bridgette continues to be involved with the Economic Development Committee Task Force and the Entrepreneur Café. Please consider attending the Community update meeting on Thursday, March 14 at 5:45 pm at the Amundson Community Center.

CAP was honored on February 1 with the Standing up for Rural WI Communities award.

Planning is underway for Touch-a-truck – this is our 10th annual and we are hoping to make it bigger and better to celebrate. Anyone with ideas contact Bridgette.

Bridgette will be on vacation March 15-22.

Respectfully submitted:

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