

15 IN 5 COMMUNITY CENTER COMPLEX COMMITTEE
PLANNING LIFELONG ACTIVITIES FOR YOU (PLAY) TASK FORCE
Meeting Minutes of Nov. 29, 2007 (submitted by Ron Gonder)
Ambroz Recreation Center 7:30-8:30 A.M.

Attendance

Committee members: Myrt Bowers, co-chairperson, Ron Gonder, secretary, Tom Saxen, treasurer, Julie Sina, Jim Voss, Mary Day, Jackie Harrington, Brian Long, Judy Fitzgibbons, Kim Hilby and Nancy Nygren

Guests: Chris Carmen, Director, Linn County Child Development Center

Articles of Incorporation

Bowers showed the group the document that was received from the Iowa Secretary of State that officially approves the Articles of Incorporation of PLAY in Linn County, Inc.

Williams Architects Contract

Sina reported that she represented PLAY at the Cedar Rapids City Council meeting on Nov. 28th at which she answered some questions from the council about the contract with Williams Architects to conduct a feasibility study for a Community Center Complex. The council then unanimously approved the contract. Sina will get information on a kickoff meeting with Williams representatives.

Fund Raising

Fund raising committee chairman Saxen reported on the various activities of the committee over the past three weeks in seeking the remaining \$20,000 commitment needed by PLAY as its obligation for the Williams Architects contract for the feasibility study. PLAY committee members made personal contributions of various amounts and that total will be compiled and will be reported on at the next meeting. Saxen asked that all members of the PLAY committee forward to him as soon as possible all contact names (to include business connection and phone number) that might represent partners and users of the Community Center Complex. Saxen will then compile a list of these contacts.

Marion Aquatic Group

Voss reported that he'd been unsuccessful in contacting a Marion group that's considering an indoor competitive swimming pool. Voss said it was the second time he'd attempted to extend an invitation to the group to have representatives attend a PLAY meeting to exchange information and ideas.

Early Childhood Group

Chris Carmen, Director, Linn County Child Development Center attended the meeting as a representative of the 15 In 5 committee called "Launch A Best-In-The-Nation Early Childhood Education Program". Carmen stated that the purpose of his attendance was to inform PLAY about his group's progress and to ask PLAY to consider discussing the possibility of incorporating an Early Childhood Institute Facility into the Community Center Complex facility and to consider perhaps combining that group's committee with the PLAY committee. After discussion it was agreed that his suggestion should be brought before all others concerned in the 15 In 5 initiatives for consideration.

Future Meetings

The next meeting is scheduled for the regularly scheduled second Thursday of the month on Dec. 13th at 7:30 at Ambroz. It will be decided at that meeting whether PLAY will meet on the regularly scheduled fourth Thursday of the month, which would be Dec. 27th.