

Working Together April 17, 2013 Network Meeting Summary

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 7th
 12:00 – 1:00pm
 Odd Fellows Hall**

Helpful Hints & Tips - Introductions via Sharing New Learning

- **Just say no...it's easy to get caught up in the excitement of new projects, but need to stay focused on our own priorities** – Tammy Stringham, LCEDA & Lemhi Valley Community Foundation.
- **Partnerships can be difficult and time consuming but are critical to the work we do, especially grantors...communication a very important component of partnerships** – Judy Barkley, City of Salmon/Sacajawea Center.
- **Must be willing to listen to hear what partners need/want to determine how to excite them, ideally there is a win/win gained** – Jo Schroeder, Lemhi Education Project.
- Sometimes we need to relinquish control or balance control with others for the best outcomes – Bridget Mildon, FND Hope.
- Clarify expectations for volunteers and as a volunteer – Chuck Kempner, Videographer
- **Be patient with yourself utilizing technology (Smart phone made me feel dumb, dumb phone made me feel smart!)** – Vicki Trevisanut, Hospice, Red Cross & WTTA.
- All of the above...broadband survey completed (if you want to know about internet use in the valley contact Wayne!) – Wayne Talmadge, SVBIC.
- **Share information with and utilize board members, don't be a one-man show/organization** – Barbara Miller, Lemhi Education Project & LemhiWeb.
- Set ground rules– Pam Preheim, Snake River Industries.
- **Give your board a vacation, avoid burnout** – Sherry Elrod, Salmon Valley Stewardship & Lemhi Valley Community Foundation.
- **Share stories of work everywhere** – Katie Hoffman, University of Idaho Extension.
- Don't expect to please 100% of the people all the time, don't let the few naysayers get you down, just keep going – Cindy Phelps, Lemhi County Humane Society & Lemhi Valley Community Foundation.
- Still working on finding new ED for Mahoney House – Lynda Powers, Lemhi After School Promise & Mahoney House.
- Communication important to formation of Farmers Market Steering Committee – Rachel Layman, Salmon Valley Stewardship.

Organization Updates –

Salmon River Industries hosting Golf Tournament May 11th. Players and hole sponsors welcome.

Lemhi County Humane Society received PetSmart grant to trap, spay and neuter feral cats. Anyone needing a barn cat contact LCHS.

Salmon Valley Stewardship promoting Earth Day, April 19 & 20 with sage planting, trail clean-up and recycling.

FNDHope sponsored an international awareness week.

Lemhi Education Project is an Idaho Gives participant (May 2).

Lemhi Valley Community Foundation is hosting a kickoff event (**Ignite Lemhi Valley**) June 12, giving away \$2,500 to five (5) selected projects. Applications are available on the website <http://www.idcomfdn.org/lvcf/> and due by May 10th.

Lemhi Leader has now produced and distributed two (2) editions and will generate enough revenue to cover the printing costs of edition 3! (THANK YOU Cindy Phelps, Barbara Miller & Tammy Stringham!!) Distribution sign-up sheets were handed out as help is needed with getting them out into the community. Wayne at SVBIC is handling the cash management and negotiations are underway with Youth Employment Program (YEP) to assist with and/or take over production. Please submit ads in .pdf files and basic information (brief not wordy) is best.

Working Together will begin meeting the second Tuesday of each month beginning May 7th. Cindy Phelps will serve as meeting facilitator. The Finance Committee (Bob Russell, Wayne Talmadge, Barbara Miller) will be meeting to discuss transferring fiscal sponsorship to LCEDA, hiring communications assistance and conducting an annual support effort.

Training Topics for Fall –

- Protecting Your Group From Financial Mismanagement and Theft
- How to Hire a New ED