

April 25, 2013 @ 12:00 pm Meeting Minutes

❖ Welcome and Introductions

- ❖ **Presentation by Christina Jaramillo Boys and Girls Club 20 minutes:** Introduction and background: Challenges in Valencia County discussed, including Heroin epidemic. There is a national movement in Boys and Girls Clubs where traditionally they have their own facility and they serve youth 7 to 18. They are trying to get their own facility. They need to reach different ages after being in the elementary schools only and are now trying to get to the next level. They want to do more and serve more kids in a greater capacity. Kids are alone a huge number of hours a day. Boys and Girls club provides a place to go and participate in a number of activities. They concentrate on the 5 core areas; character, education, healthy lifestyles, sports and the arts.

They provide services to teach kids how to say no to drugs and the kids get the tools to say no. There are a number of programs that might fit in with what the board does. They have programs which are already proven. They chartered in 1991 in Valencia County. They started with kids in the schools, and are currently in 3 Belen schools and serve 50 to 60 kids per year. They do programs with outreach also. They are looking for where they will be supported the most. Their programs were downsized so they can concentrate on impact. Christina then discussed other sites with teen centers. She asked us "Why can't we aspire to do something like that"? They are looking to boost community support. Transportation is something to be considered, maybe bussed by schools would be an option for the youth. They are still here and still impacting kids. She then invited everyone to their facilities. She then briefly discussed teen outreach with Infinity HS.

- ❖ **Lion's Club presentation and request for charter members 10 minutes:** Introduction to the new Middle Rio Grande Lion's club. The Lions Club dates back to Helen Keller to do vision work with the community to save sight. They do eye screening, and screen youth to catch eye problems early. Lion's club will support the need for eyeglasses, etc. They do diabetes awareness program also as diabetes is a cause of blindness. Club describes how they do their program and how to do their fund raisers. They are looking for more members, and may form a Hispanic club in the area. There is a Leo Club for youth to get them involved in their community. Questions were answered such as where they meet. They meet at Rutillios first and third Mondays. Meetings will start at 6:30 or 7 pm and end by 8 pm. There are 6 couples joined so far. Charter membership is \$30. They also have affiliations with Boy Scout and Girl Scouts.
- ❖ **Teen Court update:** They had 8 cases last month. They will go more in depth with teen attorneys. Teen Court has received cases from municipal and magistrate court. They are always checking to make sure that they are taking the right referrals. They just had their audit and will be receiving \$40,000 more next year as a result of everyone's help.
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- ❖ **Mentor program update:** Wonderful things have been happening in Isleta. Gerald Maestas has been fighting to get BBBS in Isleta and getting mentors. Now they have 11 kids and 10 volunteers in Isleta. BBBS has new office space in Los Lunas in Community for Change. Open House is tomorrow at 5:30 at 431 Luna, next to sheriff office. They currently have 33 kids enrolled, 18 are matched, not including the Isleta youth. Currently have 51 volunteers. Virginia met with Belen schools and they approved location for the on site mentoring program. They are looking to partner with Boys and Girls Club. They have 5 mentors for the on site program. Most referrals for that program came from Father Mundy. This new program will be one hour per week during the school year.
- ❖ **Juvenile Drug Court update:** Juvenile Drug Court has 32 youth currently. They are doing community service projects in the community and will be working at the Belen Parks monthly now that spring is here. They have some upcoming SFMC activities which they always enjoy. There will be another river rafting trip this summer for the kids.
- ❖ **RAC update:** RAC 16 families were contacted last month. Still seeing kids from elementary schools if needed. This month is a little slow.
- ❖ **Father Mundy:** had a Town Hall meeting last month, which showed that our kids had a 3 times higher rate than national. We need to get fired up and do more.
- ❖ **Other business as time allows:** Other business: Bart Regelbrugge had Cynthia Manning teach a parenting course. After the course they asked her to do another. The Circle of Security course was described by Bart. He stated the need to have more people take these parenting classes. There were some examples given.
- ❖ **Health and Wellness** was a joint meeting with Education and Prevention last month about after Graduation program.
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Adjourned 1 pm