

Our Ramara Steering Committee
Wednesday, June 13th, 2007 – 9:30
Days Inn – Ramara Room

MINUTES

Attendance

Janet Banfield – CEO Ramara Public Library*Chair
Diane Bell – Our Ramara Scholarship Fund
Cheryl Thompson – Joyland Beach Community Centre
Sabine Houlden – FunFest liaison * Recording minutes*
Kevin Lehman – Ramara Library Volunteer
Gail Seaward – Friends of the Library / North Mara Beach Residents Association

Regrets

Barb Bissett – Days Inn
Sherry Lawson – Casino Rama
Leila Sherriff – Executive Director/Alzheimer’s Society
Julie Scott – Innovative Perspectives
Donna Hewitt – Community Development Coordinator
Janice McKinnon- Deputy Clerk Ramara Township
Cathy MacDonald- Washago Community Centre
George Hirsch – Lagoon City Community Association
Gail Seaward - Friends of Ramara Public Library/North Mara Beach Residents Assoc.
Wayne Boshier – Community Member
Marian Davy – Community Member
Cheryl Thompson - Joyland Beach Association/Funfest Coordinator
Caroline Schiavone – Recreation Coordinator Ramara

Action Items from Last Meeting

1. Janet/Julie – certificates for schools - done
2. Cheryl – book Captain De Fries for FunFest next year – to be done
3. Caroline – speak with Duck Soup re: talent stage- not able to attend
4. Cathy – invite Hip Hop group for talent stage - done and they attended FunFest
5. Janet – facilitated meeting with Julie re: FunFest takeover - tba

Library Strategic Development Fund Update

Sabine & her partner are working on the back end admin area. Some major data integrity issues have come up i.e. items typed in using differing formats. Sabine is going through each listing to make corrections. Group suggested Sabine adds a credit onto site. **Action: Sabine to add credit to main page of Our Ramara website**

Rural Community Capacity Building Update

Julie is working towards organizing workshops, based on the data from the surveys collected at the meetings. For reporting, it appears we are right on track for what was promised. Workshops will be planned for Sept./Oct.

Some possible workshops are:

- 1) food prep
 - 2) what strategic planning is about; use data from spreadsheets to build a business case for funding purposes
 - 3) developing proposals
 - 4) FunFest facilitated session
- Re item 4) FunFest facilitated session: Julie will help Our Ramara group analyse its opportunities, strengths, constraints and weaknesses to determine how the group will move forward and create a strategy for the future.

- After meeting with Advisory committee, Kevin will create web page with links to spreadsheet data.

FunFest Update:

- Have received \$1000 cheque from Community Foundation
- Final figures not in yet
- The volunteer appreciation dinner was very enjoyable
- Thanks from Janet to all

Group Updates

Diane - Ramara Scholarship Fund: \$1787 was raised as first major deposit for scholarship fund. Decided to split the scholarship between Twin and PF, \$500 to each school

- Mike Thompson to present at Twin, Diane at Patrick Fogarty

Gail - Friends of the Library: did not do too well at FunFest – believes better signage is needed. Had to cancel Historical Tour.

Janet - Ramara Public Library -

- New website address at www.ramarapubliclibrary.org. Email is info@ramarapubliclibrary.org
- In the process of hiring staff for TD summer reading program
- June 21 First Nations Day parade float will promote the program
- Need to get Twp. to approve renovation of Brechin Branch, and then apply through Trillium for grant to “renovate existing space”. Creating proposal to move OPP upstairs and open up downstairs space. No tax impact to taxpayers for renovation.

Julie – Ramara Chamber of Commerce – AGM was a success, attended by Chief Stinson-Henry, & Garfield Dunlop. Plaque to high schools presented.

**NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY, JULY 18TH – 9:30 AM
DAYS INN – RAMARA ROOM**