

MINUTES

EvolvingConnections Leadership Team
Thursday, March 7, 2013, 1:30pm
Over Flow Espresso Cafe

Present: Joann Ellis, Susan Hawkins, Earl McGovern, Kathy Ramundt, Bill Read, Julie Roles, Mark Skeie

Absent: Barbara Kilbourne, Merry Roth, Dick Kavaney

Recorder: Bill

Misc:

- Roseville Evolve program - on hold for now
- Reminder: Julie reactivated the EvolvingConnections Leadership Team button/menu on the VAN website. Access is via our VAN ID and PW.
- Book choice for next Book & Brew is still open
- Current Evolve class graduates 2nd Friday in May
- Julie mentioned that VAN is considering developing workshops along the lines of the Evolve curriculum, but with a shorter commitment than the full 8 month class.

DISCUSSION AND **UPDATE** OF TENTATIVE FUTURE EVOLVINGCONNECTIONS ACTIVITIES / EVENTS:

April 9 <u>6-7:30</u> pm	Salon on Honoring Choices: Having the conversation about end-of-life choices – Woodbury Community Center. Led by Kathy Ramundt.
April 10 <u>6-7:30</u> pm	Repeat of the salon, but at Southdale Library

<p>April 30 5:30 to 8:30pm</p>	<p>May Day Eve Celebration – VAN/EvolvingConnections as sponsors – at Open Book, Washington Ave., Minneapolis. Charge: \$15. Format: social and review of silent auction offerings begins at 5:30; performance by River's Edge Playback Theater, begins at 6:30</p> <p>DUTIES: Julie - room arrangements, food options, flyer preparation. Mark - wine procurement (?and Emily Strand and John Testo will serve, in costume?? Mark will recruit them). Jay McManiss of River's Edge has committed to the group's involvement.</p> <p>As many of ECLTeam members as are available will meet at Julie's Sunday evening April 28 to put gifts, etc., together.</p> <p>Tentative volunteer needs: 2 for registration; 2 for bar; 3 for set-up and hosting/greeting; 4 for silent auction; 3 for food and drink; MC - possible candidates were discussed</p> <p>Misc: ice-breaker options discussed; might use color-coded ribbons on name tags; will need cash box; Bingo card? NOTE: 1) We won't have access to the space until 5pm, so set-up will need to be well-coordinated and efficient. 2) We need items for the silent auction.</p>
<p>May 16 6:00 to 7:30 (TENTATIVE)</p>	<p>Salon on Being Your Own Healthcare Advocate – Southdale Library (location tentative). Led by Susan Hawkins (with Robin Austin as guest "expert"?)</p> <p>TO DO: Mark will pursue venue. Possibly Court International or Southdale Library.</p>
<p>June 17 5:30 to 7 or so</p>	<p>EvolvingConnections Social – Location TBD (possibly Salut on Grand, but parking issues have been raised; possibly Nicollet Island Inn. Mark will follow-up with Dick K on venue). HOSTESS: Joann</p>
<p>August 20 (time???)</p>	<p>VAN at the Guthrie – Pride and Prejudice; We can use the Target Lounge for a gathering place.</p> <p>(Mark and Dick are in charge)</p>

<p>September 10 5:30 to 8:30</p>	<p>Book & Brew <i>The How of Happiness</i> by Sonja Lyubomirsky, and <i>The Lonely American</i> by Jaclyn Olds are two books under consideration. Court International lower level conference room, 2550 University Avenue, Saint Paul, MN.</p>
<p>September ? (brought forward from January's mtg; TENTATIVE)</p>	<p>Salon on Making and Maintaining Meaningful Social Connections – Location TBD. Led by Lisa Cook and Kathy Ramundt. [This came out of a discussion of loneliness issues especially during the holiday season.]</p>
<p>October 22 5:30 to 7 or so</p>	<p>EvolvingConnections Social – Location TBD (Salut or Nicollet Island Inn) HOSTESS: Joann - with assistance of Bill</p>

Next Leadership Team meeting, Thursday, April 4, 2013, at 1:30pm at Over Flow Espresso Cafe.