

**MINUTES**

EvolvingConnections Leadership Team  
Thursday, April 4, 2013, 1:30pm  
Over Flow Espresso Cafe

Present: Susan Hawkins, Earl McGovern, Kathy Ramundt, Bill Read, Julie Roles, Merry Roth, Mark Skeie

Guest: Jane Jacobson, VAN Leadership Group

Absent: Barbara Kilbourne, Dick Kavaney, Joann Ellis

Recorder: Bill

**Misc:** (The following items are carry-overs from the last meeting and **were not discussed at this meeting.**)

- 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:**

<b>April 9</b> <u>6-7:30</u> pm	<b>Salon on Honoring Choices: Having the conversation about end-of-life choices</b> – Woodbury Community Center. Led by Kathy Ramundt.
<b>April 10</b> <u>6-7:30</u> pm	Repeat of the salon, but at Southdale Library
<b>(Not discussed at this meeting)</b>	

**April 30**

6:00 to 8:30pm

**NOTE: This was the focus of today's meeting, and revisions / updates were made. Details of the schedule are still somewhat fluid.**

**May Day Eve Celebration** – VAN/EvolvingConnections as sponsors – at Open Book, Washington Ave., Minneapolis. Charge: \$15.

(Julie provided handouts of draft schedule, budget, and (as of this date) silent auction donation list.)

We will have access to the space at 5:00pm

Format: social and review of silent auction offerings begins at 6:00pm; ice-breaker / mixer begins at 6:45pm; performance by River's Edge Playback Theater, begins at 7:00pm; bidding for auction items ends at 8:15

DUTIES: Julie - room arrangements, food options, flyer preparation, cash box, credit card processing. Mark - wine procurement (Merry Roth and ??Emily Strand will serve, **Mark will recruit Emily**). Earl - food (fruit, veggies, cheese, crackers, probably from Kowalski's). Other beverage options: water (in pitchers), possible lemonade or iced tea.

Silent Auction items: We still have need for donations!!!

As many of ECLTeam members as are available will meet at Julie's Sunday evening April 28 to put gifts, etc., together.

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

Misc: ice-breaker options discussed. This still seems to be in flux, but we seem to be settling on use color-coded ribbons on name tags to match people 1:1 with the social task of discussing a quote dealing with an issue pertinent to aging. ECLTeam members are encourage to send quote suggestions to Janet (email: [janet.jacobson@usa.net](mailto:janet.jacobson@usa.net)) who will sort / choose and send on to Julie. will need cash box. **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.**

**MC / host: The group discussed options and Mark, following this meeting, confirmed that Lucy Swift of TPT has agreed to take this role.**

**NOTE:** The Leadership Team will meet at Julie's at 4:00pm Sunday April 28 (1415 Sargent Ave, St Paul, MN 55105) to tie up loose ends, prepare auction items, tie bows, etc.

**May 16**

6:00 to 7:30

(TENTATIVE)

**(Not discussed at this meeting)**

**Salon on Being Your Own Healthcare Advocate – Southdale Library** (location tentative). Led by Susan Hawkins (with Robin Austin as guest "expert"?)

TO DO: **Mark** will pursue venue. Possibly Court International or Southdale Library.

<p><b>June 17</b> 5:30 to 7 or so  <b>(Not discussed at this meeting)</b></p>	<p><b>EvolvingConnections Social</b> – Location TBD (possibly Salut on Grand, but parking issues have been raised; possibly Nicollet Island Inn. <b>Mark</b> will follow-up with Dick K on venue). HOSTESS: Joann</p>
<p><b>August 20</b> (time???)  <b>(Not discussed at this meeting)</b></p>	<p><b>VAN at the Guthrie</b> – Pride and Prejudice; We can use the Target Lounge for a gathering place.  (Mark and Dick are in charge)</p>
<p><b>September 10</b> 5:30 to 8:30  <b>(Not discussed at this meeting)</b></p>	<p><b>Book &amp; Brew</b> <i>The How of Happiness</i> by Sonja Lyubomirsky, and <i>The Lonely American</i> by <i>Jaclyn Olds</i> are two books under consideration.  Court International lower level conference room, 2550 University Avenue, Saint Paul, MN.</p>
<p><b>September ?</b> (brought forward from January's mtg; TENTATIVE)  <b>(Not discussed at this meeting)</b></p>	<p><b>Salon on Making and Maintaining Meaningful Social Connections</b> – 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><b>October 22</b> 5:30 to 7 or so  <b>(Not discussed at this meeting)</b></p>	<p><b>EvolvingConnections Social</b> – Location TBD (Salut or Nicollet Island Inn) HOSTESS: Joann - with assistance of Bill</p>

**Next Leadership Team meeting:** Thursday, May 9, 2013, 1:30-3:00pm at Over Flow Espresso Cafe. **NOTE: This is a shift to the second Thursday.** Please let Bill know if this is a problem.