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EvolvingConnections Task Force
Thursday, March 20, 2014, 10:30am-12noon
Court International; room 150S
2550 University Ave W,
St. Paul, MN, 55114

NEXT EVOLVING CONNECTIONS TASK FORCE MEETING: Thursday, April 17, 2014, 10:30-noon, Patrick's Bakery and Cafe, Bachman's Floral and Garden, 6010 Lyndale Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55419 **(Note location change.)**

Vision

EvolvingConnections supports leadership development for the greater good of communities and the society at large.

Mission

EvolvingConnections is an organization of Evolve alumni and friends that facilitates the ongoing leadership journeys of our members through social, networking, educational, and mentoring opportunities. Our activities will support existing and future leadership projects as well as enhance the vitality and sustainability of the Evolve program and future classes.

Present: Georgia Anderson (new Task Force member), Joann Ellis, Susan Hawkins, Kathy Klietz, Earl McGovern, Bill Read, Merry Roth, Mark Skeie, Julie Roles

Absent: Kathy Ahlers

Recorder: Bill

Misc reminders:

- The EvolvingConnections Task Force has a presence on the web:
<http://evolveleaders.org/evolvingconnections-leadership-group/>
(password is "ec-lead") and all are encouraged to frequently visit the Evolve and EvolvingConnections pages within the VAN website, per se).
- VAN and Evolve have a presence on Facebook, facilitated by Mary Bowen.

Announcements:

- Georgia Anderson was welcomed to the task force, and Joann Ellis (former task force member) was welcomed back to assist with the May Day event.
- Judy Harvey is considering joining EConnections Task Force in June, 2014.

Old Business:

- **May Day 2014 event:** Merry is the lead organizer, and has been researching venue and entertainment options. Format to include silent auction, wine / food, entertainment, socializing, networking.

ACTION:

Julie passed around a draft of the flyer; she will provide task force members with materials for soliciting donations for the silent auction.

Venue will be the Heritage Room, Bachman's Floral and Garden on Lyndale in Minneapolis.

Entertainment will be Jim Ouska's jazz group; Merry is liaison.
MC will be Susan Hawkins (but mic will be "portable" and "passable").
Registration will be manned by Earl and Georgia and their hearing aids.
Icebreaker will be devised and directed by Kathy Klietz and Joann Ellis.
Silent Auction table setup will be done by Kathy Klietz, who will probably recruit others.

Catering and food / beverage setup will be by Joann Ellis.
Seating will consist of 8 rectangular tables with 6 chairs each.
Each ECTask Force member is encouraged to contact his/her Evolve classmates to encourage attendance.

Tentative schedule for the event:

- 5pm - We can enter Heritage Room for setup (out by 9pm).
- 6pm - Registration begins
- 6:15 - Welcome, introduce band, etc, review format.
- 6:30 - 7:15pm - Ice breaker
- 7:15 - 8:15 - milling about, visiting silent auction
- 8pm - Announce that silent auction will close at 8:15.
- 9pm - Must vacate by this time.

- ***EvolvingConnections survey:*** No further discussion today
ACTION: (1) All are encouraged to read or re-read this report.*** Further discussion will be ongoing.

- ***Develop calendar of 2014 activities:*** Ongoing. (see the attached Calendar)

New Business:

- Review and clarify types of potential EConnections activities (eg, social, networking, educational, mentoring) and formats: **(postponed)**

- Discuss concept of "champion" for specific events and concept of EC Task Force members serving as liaisons to the champion: **(postponed)**

- Possibly develop "operating principles" or guidelines for the events and/or the "champions" and the liaisons: **(postponed)**

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2014 Events Calendar

Date	Title/Description/Location	Lead	Attendance
January			
February	EC: wine tasting event	Merry Roth	
March			
April	EC: ? Book and Brew iteration	Susan Hawkins and Joann Ellis	
May	VAN/EC: May 1: May Day gathering	Merry Roth	
June	EC: ? Book and Brew iteration	Susan Hawkins and Joann Ellis	
July	VAN / MAVVA: forum re removing the barriers to volunteerism.		
August			
September			
October	EC: ? Book and Brew iteration	Susan Hawkins and Joann Ellis	
November			
December			

Pending Ideas

VAN: forum on housing issues associated with aging

VAN / EC: Guthrie event

EC: Picnic (Hidden Falls? July or Aug?)

EC: Social / networking gathering (similar to the event we had at Axel's last fall) - shortly after the beginning of the fall 2014 new Evolve classes?

? Amy Unger
