

Felege Hiywot Center
Board of Directors Meeting
May 21, 2013

Present: Aster Bekele
Darye Henry
Lynn Wiegand

Absent: Chris Rothenberger (working on Greenhouse)
Lauren Nowlin
Nicole Oglesby
Ralph Taylor
Mary Studley
Gene Ford

The regular monthly meeting of the FHC Board of Directors was called to order at 6:10 PM.

Approval of meeting minutes: No need to approve minutes from April meeting because it's focus was on the upcoming fundraising event and was considered to be a special committee meeting.

Updates:

* Garden Party 2013: Dinner raised \$ 8,000 net. Donations are still coming in. At capacity attendance were approximately 120 attendees. Thank you notes went out, save the date was included. Discussion about the importance of the invited speaker, and how effective he was in his speech as an advocate for the center. Next year will be the center's 10th anniversary. We would like to focus on this milestone and highlight our history. Date for next year has been set for April 5th, 2014

*Fall fundraising event: Autumn Festival to be held September 14, 2013 at the center, like an open house. Planning has begun and will include the Ethiopian community as well.

*Science Fair: Was a great success. Aster has sent email blast to the board already with details and photos.

*Camp 2013: Scheduled for June 17-July 26. Planning is in progress.

Lessons:

3D printer for engineering design - MTM setting up curriculum, students will design and print out their projects. Summer youth fund grant paid for printer.

Bee Keeping: Expert is teaching class about bees, bringing display; no one will get close to actual bees

Plant Science: Stefan and Jeff (gardening), egg hatching

Photography: Nationalities Council staff is doing this class

2 nurses from Community Hospital will be teaching and providing first aid.

IUPUI dept of Earth Science doing outdoor ecology monitoring project

Youth Farm/camp counselors employment: in process, 8K grant money being used for youth employment.

*Green House: Chris currently constructing and very close to completion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00

Next meeting June 11, 2013

Minutes submitted by: Lynn Wigand

Minutes approved by: Aster Bekele