

COUNCIL OF EXCELLENCE COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

October 9, 2018

Present Committee Members

Dr. Merrill White-Fears, Patrina Jonhson, Audrey Wilburn, Lynice Muhammad, Reverend Sandra Brown, Nora Ervin

PURPOSE OF COMMITTEE

Our mission is to seek out, find, and coordinate opportunities for members at Lou Walker Senior Center to volunteer by performing various services throughout the community.

Attended a presentation by Ms. Marcia Coward, Parent Engagement Coordinator for Dekalb County Schools to see how the schools can partner with the Lou Walker volunteers. Spoke with Mr. Byron Campbell, the Coordinator of Funding for Dekalb County. Met with Dr. Charnel E Davenport, Assistant Principal at McNair High School and spoke to Ms. Sandy Purkette from the Redan High School Pilot Program to see how the students may be able to interact with Lou Walker members. Spoke to Mr. Williams of the Performing Arts. He informed me he had worked for Dekalb County Schools and was once an Assistant Principal. He said he would be delighted to work with students.

The Community Service Projects Committee was able to get volunteers from Lou Walker to participate in the Heart of South Dekalb Festival on September 29. We distributed literature from several community agencies, including Lou Walker Senior Center, to make community residents aware of events, activities and services that are available in South Dekalb.

Miller Grove Middle and High Schools and Redan High School will participate in a Community Day at Power of Purpose Christian Center on October 20. Our committee is recruiting Lou Walker volunteers to assist the students on that day.

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We met with Ms. Mary McCray to discuss partnerships between our committee and the schools that Lou Walker already partners with. We will need volunteers during November and December.

We spoke with Ms. Marcia Hunter who referred us to Ms. Fowler of Dekalb for Seniors. Met with Ms. Fowler and discussed fundraising at length. We will need funding for some of our programs and several fundraising sources are available to us.

Spoke with Mr. Curtis Winston of the YMCA who informed us that the YMCA is in negotiations with the Lou Walker Center to provide services for seniors. When we determine how this partnership looks, we will see how volunteers from the center may be needed.

Met with the Charter School Parent Council. They requested Lou Walker volunteers for their kick off of the program STEMWISE on October 13. Students from Leadership Preparatory, Barack Obama, Redan High School, Stone View Elementary, and Miller Grove will participate in hands-on STEM projects.

ACTION ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER

- Recruited members for the Heart of South Dekalb Festival at the front desk
- Provided volunteers on September 29 for the vendor table at Heart of South Dekalb Festival
- Added one new member to the Community Services Committee
- Actively recruiting volunteers for community events on October 13 and October 20

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