

Leadership Alumni Meeting

January 22, 2009

I will apologize in advance, for I am certain I missed some ideas. I do welcome your editing of these notes and will include your corrections.

ATTENDEES: Steve Braunfield, Kim Caito, Joyce Grady, Beverly Vitaz, Beth Brown, Elaine Waytes, Carrie Dotson, Bob Coode, Chris Parkinson, Abe Cantor Robin Baum, Judy Bash, Amy Dawson, Jane Steger, Ken Gamiere, Brian Wilson, Gina Bevac, Rick Cicero, Jean Kozlowski & Ellen Cantor

Over the years, several graduates have expressed interest in participating in an LLC Alumni group or have had an interest in "Life after Leadership". If you will, a what now? The above group of individuals met to discuss the value of//interest in "re-establishing" an Alumni Association committee of the Board. The association purpose would be to help plan events/activities of interest/benefit to LLC graduates.

I am pleased to report the assembled group, by virtue of being there, are interested in an LLC Association. Everyone was asked what would be of the most interest/benefit to them. The themes that emerged were: up-to-date behind the scenes information, *such as the status of the Hemisphere Project or the Coastal Planning Committee progress*; educational sessions, *such the appreciative inquiry or the behavior styles workshops that were offered a few years ago and also some of the information presented to current class members* and another theme was networking with an agenda. *The group varied on their idea of a Roving Speakeasy...some wanted a brief agenda, others liked simply meeting for a beverage, while some thought individuals would enjoy the opportunity to give a 5 minute introduction to their business.* There was consensus that "less is better", no one saw the need to organize monthly events, rather two or three events per year. The final theme of those in attendance was that LLC grads should promote greater community awareness and be active in the role of community stewardship and that by doing so would promote Leadership Lake County's mission. One idea was to participate in a once or twice a year "giving back to the community project" and possibly have the current Class identify the projects.

Dave Crockett could not attend the meeting, however, sent his thoughts about how to keep in touch with ALL LLC grads...better use of technology. He provided great ideas using "Facebook", the LLC blog and "LinkedIn". And the value of using all three.

NEXT STEPS: It was agreed that I would email the notes from the meeting and those in attendance would in turn email their top 3 priorities//action items by March 13th. LLC will compile the list for the next meeting scheduled for March 25th from 4-6pm. Location to be announced.

