



Accola Mission Education Committee
Monday, September 16, 2024; 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
In-Person

Present: Kevin Berg; Susan Oeffling, CSJ; Angela Schreiber, CSJ; Andrea Pearson Tande; Karen Zeleznak

Staff: Matt Halley; Lacy Sietsema

Not Present: Kristine Smyth; Jill Underdahl

The Accola Mission Education Committee meeting began at 1:31 p.m.

DEI Statement: Read by Susan.

Prayer: The committee was led in prayer by Angela.

Minutes: The August minutes were reviewed. It was suggested that Lacy rewrite the line involving the creation of an impact map. With this change, all present members voted to approve the August minutes. Additionally, it was asked that Lacy increase the font size to 12 on documents.

Accola Update

Matt reported that Learning In Style School, Wisdom Ways, and Sarah's... are doing well. The Programs and Opportunities committee is working to define spirituality and social justice action. People will be interviewed regarding Wisdom Ways. There was a discussion about asking for CSJ community input. Andrea suggested putting together a questionnaire, which would provide structure for these conversations.

Matt updated the committee on various program activity. He reviewed the eligibility requirements for Sarah's. It is typically a three year program where residents learn new skills, address trauma, and begin the family reunification process. Learning In Style School has opened for the fall season and is offering advanced classes.

Committee Goals

Susan drafted possible goals based on the Mission Education Committee charter. The committee reviewed the suggested goals. There was a discussion about the mission, vision and values and how future directions are developed. Kevin added that there is a Board education session every other month than can be utilized to learn more about the CSJ community. This would create a broader knowledge base and provide context for Accola. Andrea stated that it makes sense for the

Mission Education Committee to create a curriculum, as well as some annual activities. Matt and Kevin will meet with Susan to refine the goals.

Bus Tour

Jill provided a list to the committee of possible places to take Board members. It doesn't include any elementary schools or sites in Minneapolis. It also doesn't include recent history. Angela offered to find out if there is a map of sites around the Twin Cities. It was suggested that the committee reach out to Michelle Hueg, the Province archivist. Andrea will see if there is a script or outline from the last bus tour.

Next Meeting: October 21, 2024

Adjournment: The Mission Education Committee adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lacy Sietsema, Accola