

Lifelong Learning @ Rock Hill Advisory Committee Mini Retreat

March 9, 2022: 10 AM – 2 PM

Minutes

Present: Barbara Boulware, Charles Robinson, Bill Rogers, Dinesh Shah, Jody Steele, Faith Harland-White, Laura Weidner (guest)

Absent: William Buie

Staff: Krista Hayes (Garnet McKeown & John Taylor—lunch only)

I. Welcome & Warm-Up (Krista Hayes & Jody Steele)

- a. Introductions—Laura
- b. Overview of Agenda
- c. Warm-up exercise: “A Penny for Your Thoughts”
 - i. This exercise provided a nice way to get to know some fun facts and experiences from everyone present.

II. Goal Enhancing Exercise (Faith Harland-White & Laura Weidner)

- i. Laura and Faith led the committee through a thorough exercise of understanding SMART goals and how to redefine the Advisory Committee goals into more workable statements.
- ii. Krista explained the current data of LL@RH, emphasizing the growth in registrations. Faith reiterated that the data are necessary to help us determine the goals and the next action steps.
- iii. Laura walked us through two examples of identifying and creating goals with the SMART process, and we looked at two samples before breaking into small groups to improve the wording and focus for some of the 2022 and mid/long-range goals.

Lunch—Welcome to John Taylor & Garnet McKeown

III. Goal Writing Revisions, as necessary

- i. All groups rewrote goals to include the Committee Level Goal, Staff Level Objective and Action Steps.
- ii. Jody, Bill and Charles worked on the Volunteer recruitment; Krista and Dinesh addressed technology and AV needs; Faith and Barbara prepared Marketing and Visibility.
- iii. With Laura’s help, the committee discussed what was created by the breakout groups. The wordsmithing of the goals will occur before our next Advisory Committee meeting in April.

IV. New Business (Jody Steele)

- a. Spring/Summer programming

- i. What is desired/needed during “off season”?
 - 1. The committee seemed to agree that a few one-time events would help people stay slightly engaged with LL@RH in the “off season,” but multiweek courses would not occur again until the fall.
 - 2. The idea was also shared for an intergenerational camp program in which grandparents and grandkids, for example, could learn some things together.
 - ii. Back the Pack Day—April 20
 - iii. York County Reads Book Talk
 - iv. Beaches, Birds & Brookgreen Gardens: May 3-5
 - 1. The above three items are already on the calendar.
 - 2. The suggestion was made to ask York Co. Library if the book talk for York County Reads could encompass more than one day of discussion, but more gatherings for discussion while reading, not waiting until the end of the book.
 - v. Other
- b. Fall programming
- i. Potential Courses, Classes & Events
 - 1. The committee quickly discussed ideas that have been shared, mainly new topics, knowing that we can consider repeat courses, as well.
 - ii. Ideas / Recommendations
 - 1. A list of other ideas and potential contacts was recorded.
 - iii. Changes
 - 1. The suggestion was made to begin to ask current facilitators to help with identifying other facilitators, i.e.: sharing the load of recruitment.
- c. Further Discussion
- i. Rack Card
 - 1. As this item falls under the marketing and visibility goal, we ultimately tabled this discussion until our meeting in April.

V. Dates to Remember

2022 Calendar

- ❖ March 15 – 2nd 4-week session begins
- ❖ March 16 – Lunch & Learn: The Power of Poetry Returns with Angelo Geter
- ❖ April 7 – Semester Ends
- ❖ April 20 – Spring Pack Event, Rock Hill Schools Education Foundation (10 spots; 10 – 11:30)
- ❖ April 21 – LL@RH Advisory Committee Meeting, Northside Recreation Center (2:00)
- ❖ May 3, 4, 5 –Beaches, Birds & Brookgreen Gardens Trip
- ❖ May—Possible Event to Wind Tunnel Tester
- ❖ Mid-May –York County Reads Book Talk
- ❖ June & July -- ???
- ❖ August 9 – Deadline: Fall 2022 Catalogs Printed
- ❖ August 17 – Deadline: Fall 2022 Catalogs Mailed
- ❖ August 18 – LL@RH Advisory Committee Meeting, Northside Recreation Center (2:00)
- ❖ August 29 – Fall 2022 Registration Begins
- ❖ September 13 –Fall 2022 Semester Begins
- ❖ October 20 – LL@RH Advisory Committee Meeting, Northside Recreation Center (2:00)
- ❖ November 10 – Fall 2022 Semester Ends