

Directors Report for August 28, 2017 meeting of Willard Community Center Board of Director's meeting.

1. The Lincoln Community Foundation is now offering Agency Funds and Gift Planning Services for Nonprofits. LCF has tools and services available to help nonprofits establish long-term stability. Tracy Edgerton, Vice President for Strategic Giving came out and gave me some information about it and it sounds great. They can help us with investments and they will give free consultations. Now all we need is extra money that we can invest or find a group of donors that will go together and come up with at least \$10,000 to start. If we want to find out more about this LCF is going to be offering breakfast meetings on September 12th and 15th. I will have additional information about this at the board meeting.
2. As we look at businesses that we want to work with in the future we might want to check out Art FX, Sirkdot, Paychex and Firespring. They are now working with members of the Human Services Federation and are offering discounted rates. Two new businesses joining this fall are Bloomerang and ServiceMaster.
3. Sarah and I are working on a grant to the Snow Redfern Foundation to help with the deficit from fees paid for the children receiving Title XX. It is due on August 31st. As of now we are requesting \$14,940.00 for 6 full scholarships – three at the Lakeview CLC and three at Roper. Wish us luck!
4. LauRene Foster, a beloved employee of the Willard Community Center passed away on August 14th at the age of 89. She worked as an office manager, bingo caller, late night alarm contact and potluck organizer. She was involved with every fundraiser and activity for 23 years. LauRene's family selected the Willard Child Care programs to receive all of her memorials. LauRene's favorite thing to do was to bring snacks for the preschool children for every holiday and special event during her years at Willard and she even continued it after her retirement. I will be meeting with Sally Foster, LauRene's daughter, on Friday to find out the actual amount we will receive.
5. Our programs are full for the school year and we only need a couple more staff to meet ratios. Sarah and I have been filling in where we are needed. We have had staff that want to work the early hours this year so we only need after school staff. The Roper Before and After School Program has 150 and Pre-K has 20 full time children. The Lakeview CLC has 50 and has an open enrollment all year.
6. The Summer Program went very well at Roper this year. We were there for 10 weeks. We had to be out of the school one week before school started so that the teachers could move back in and get ready for their students. It was really nice having that extra week to clean, organize, hire and train staff and just get ready for our before and after school programs. Parents had to find care for their children for that week but no one complained.
7. On August 22nd Sarah, Gina Benne and I went to the Prosper Lincoln breakfast and heard about the new findings in the 2017 Lincoln Vital Signs. The Lincoln community has grown 23% since 2005 and the fastest growing age groups are 0-19 year olds and 65+ year olds. Enrollment in the public schools has grown 22% since 2005 and the more education you receive the lower the poverty rate. Early childhood care and education are considered very important. You can view the whole report at LincolnVitalSigns.org.