

Director's Report for January 29, 2018

- 1.) Dani Jurgens submitted a grant to the Aspegren Foundation for \$25,000 to purchase the furniture for the Preschool rooms at Willard. We will know if we will receive any funding by Spring and funding would come early Summer.
Dani and I will also be working on two grants to United Way for the CLC and Preschool/Pre-K Programs. We will request \$15,000 for each program. The United Way application will be for a two-year funding cycle, July 1st, 2018- June 30, 2020.
- 2.) United Way's Campaign is going to fall short this year. They estimated that they lost \$200,000 from UNL because of budget cuts. Nationwide offices have moved out of Lincoln and no longer have employees contributing to the campaign, which lost about \$70,000. LPS also came in short about \$40,000 as they tried an on-line campaign and it didn't work very well. LPS has agreed to do another campaign to try to raise more before the end of the campaign on March 31st. In total they have lost over \$300,000. If you have not given to the United Way Campaign it is not to late. Willard's programs may suffer a cut in funding because of the campaign shortfall.
- 3.) Willard provided child care for the children on Martin Luther King Day at Roper. We had 41 children in attendance. The only problem was that I did not remember that MLK Day was not a day that was approved on our contract with LPS. We filled out a room rental request but I did not see the denial of the rental. We will now be charged an hourly rate for that day plus the cost of the custodian. This is totally my fault. If you want me pay that expense I will gladly do that. It will be included on our next bill.
- 4.) Work has been started on a new Room Rental Agreement and Volunteer Manual for Willard when we reopen this Spring. I have requested advice from our insurance agent and Mr. Wheeler about the liability for renters and volunteers and how we address that with them. Work will also begin on an updated Employee Handbook and Emergency Manuals. If anyone would like to assist with this task you are more than welcome. I would like everything updated before we move in.