

Valley Ventures Group Meeting, Microcredit
March 14, 2008
Woodlands Credit Union

Present: Joyce Presby, Carla Lapiere, Rick Alger, Dennis Bisson, Lise Grondin Danault, Laura Lynch, Keith Lynch, Denise Doucette, Karen Bradley, Sterling Brasher, Eric Lang, Jackie Hawkins

Accepted minutes from last month

Accepted treasurer's report.

3 minute check in: Bethany Taylor from the Berlin Reporter attended and took "mini" interviews of each of our businesses. This served as our 3 minute check ins for this month. Eric Lang happened to be very uplifting and articulate when reporting on our group to Bethany. ☺

Rick Alger from Milan attended the Valley Ventures group meeting for the first time and would like to know more. His business consists of boarding horses, he logs with horses and offers sleigh rides as well.

Trade Show Updates:

Denise secured drinks from Burger King and McDonald's, we need to hand out coupons. She also has 6 large pizzas from Pizza Hut for lunch for our group and water from Coca Cola.

Karen and Keith will be talking with Shaws, Walmart and IGA for veggie platters.

The group discussed options for getting student volunteers: FBLA, 4H, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts.

Steve at the Tech said that we can begin to set up on Friday evening at 5pm. The site will be secure so we can leave our belongings there. Keith volunteered to supervise set up on Friday.

The stage will be arranged in the café at the tech.

Lise reported Katie Paine's needs for when she speaks in the cafeteria. She also reported that Valley Ventures was featured on Coos County Conversations the previous day.

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Laura followed up with ads for the papers, and had mailed out the postcards. 10 other vendors had confirmed besides Valley Venture members and many were still tentative at the time of the meeting.

The group decided that we can open up the tables to non-members through invitation and if they meet the micro credit guidelines. Laura motioned, Eric second it.

The group decided that Joyce will be our Master of Ceremonies for the day, that Keith will have the list of give-aways and the list of people doing demonstrations by Sunday March 16th, so that everything can be advertised as such.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15

Next meeting: Friday, April 11, 2008 at 9:15 at Woodlands

Facilitator: Lise Grondin-Danault

Minute Taker: Laura Lynch

Time Keeper: Eric Lang