

Wakefield Day Care Steering Committee
Minutes of Meeting
January 26, 2010

Present: Jim Litchfield, Nicki Decker, Kathy Skinner, Mike Mogus, Leslie Bebee, Ed Haglund, Toni Haglund, Tammi Mogus. Also present: Theresa Miner

The meeting was held at noon at Sidelines with Jim Litchfield facilitating the meeting and providing the agenda.

Jim L. made some inquiries about other non-profit corporations in the community partnering with the City in providing a community day care, where the facility would be owned by the City but a nonprofit would operate the business. There seems to be some community interest in that arrangement, but details would need to be fleshed out before any commitments are made. Meetings of Steering Committee members with various boards of community nonprofit corporations will be sought to determine the level of interest and cooperation that would be available.

Possible locations for the facility were discussed.

Tammi Mogus reported briefly on information she had accumulated from researching other community day cares. Discussion addressed the cost to private-pay parents for day care vs. reimbursement levels by the State of Nebraska for public assistance. It was reiterated that home day care was not going to fill the day care needs of the community because of the burdensomeness of state licensing requirements.

A draft child care survey, prepared by the survey committee, was reviewed, and recommendations were made for a few additions. The largest employers in the City will be asked to provide the survey to their employees. The school will provide the survey to parents of day-care age children who are on the school census.

An inquiry will be made of the Wakefield school administration about holding the "town hall" meeting previously discussed at the school multi-purpose room, and about a date and time for the meeting. The purpose of the "town hall" meeting will be to reassure parents needing day care that work on that issue is progressing and also to provide parents an opportunity to provide their own input. All Steering Committee members are encouraged to attend.

The survey will be distributed prior to the "town hall" meeting and a notice will be put in the Wakefield Republican that the survey form will be available at the City Office.

The next meeting of the Day Care Steering Committee will be held at noon on February 9, 2010, at Sidelines.

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa Miner, Acting Secretary