

OG-WL-HOP COLLABORATION TEAM  
COMMUNITY LISTENING TEAM  
Meeting Notes  
July 7, 2016

The Community Listening Team, a sub-group of the Collaboration Team, met on the above date. Present were: Tom Zarth, Dick Franzmeier, Laurel Johnson, Dave Steenson. Absent: Paula Kiehl, Jan Philbert.

The following positions were assigned: Chair, LJ; Note taker, DS; Communicator, TZ.

Organizational ideas discussed included:

- “Listening” to the Community may include concepts such as Pastor Ben Sandin’s DDiv research model.
- Each team member canvass their home church to determine what Outreach programs are present. There may be opportunity for combining similar programs.
- Contact community service organizations to “listen” for their needs.
- Explore with local businesses to identify their needs and possible collaborative efforts.
- Explore with City officials “listening” for their needs. (Question: What percentage of city employees live in Richfield?)
- Be in contact with candidates for local elected office. “Listen” to what the candidates are hearing from citizens as they canvass door-to-door.

Next meeting at the call of the Chair.

Note: I have been contacted by a member of the campaign organization of one of the candidates for the Richfield City Council (Eastside Ward) regarding the Community Listening Team’s interest in sponsoring a candidate’s forum prior to the primary election (early August.) While it may be too late and the focus too narrow (only East Richfield has a primary) to sponsor a pre-primary forum, would there be interest in our team (or, the larger Collaborative Team) sponsoring a city-wide candidate’s forum prior to the general election? Your thoughts?

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