

Mayor's Commission for Children Minutes

February 13, 2018- 8 am

Springfield Chamber of Commerce

Members Present: Missy Riley, Jennifer McClure, Dr. Elizabeth Andrews, Linda Ramey-Greiwe, Susan Henderson, Bria Coale, Christy Davis, Absent: Gerry Lee and Shara Cash

Council Present: John Chastain, Amy Chenoweth, Pat Gartland, Dr. Kayce Morton, Dr. Doug McNeal, Dr. Denise Fredrick, Jan Fisk, Kimberly Shinn-Brown, Alexis Brown, Dr. Jennifer Baker Absent: Paul Satterwhite and Laurie Edmondson

Guests: Amy St. John, SPS, Roseann Bentley, Founding member of MCC, Amber Donaldson-MSU student from Marketing class working with MCC

The commission meeting was brought to order by Brigitte Marrs at 8:08. Minutes were approved by the Commission from a motion by Dr. Elizabeth Andrews, second by Christy Davis.

Updates from around the table included a reminder of our Tuesday March 27th Retreat at Springfield Lake Boathouse. Directions given at the next meeting. Retreat begins at 4. Food and Drinks will be furnished. This will be a strategic planning session for our group-please plan on attending.

Dr. Jennifer Baker announced that Good Dads had been awarded a contract from Social Services to promote Healthy Marriage and Responsible Fatherhood Initiatives for Region 5 and 6. Dr. Baker will be presenting to our Mayor's Commission at our April meeting to give us an update of the scope of the Good Dads project.

Missy Riley presented an update on the Early Childhood initiative that will be implemented this fall. Springfield Public Schools plans to repurpose Campbell Elementary for another Early Childhood Education Center. 200 more students will be served in early childhood classrooms this fall. After the meeting, the hope that after three years is that 600 more 4-year old's will have early childhood education at various locations in the district. Missy shared her PowerPoint with the group.

Linda Ramey-Greiwe made a motion from the Commission and Council to send a letter of support to Springfield R-12 for their leadership in creating more opportunities for young families in need. Brigitte will draft and take it to the next board of education meeting on Tuesday Feb 20th.

Our next meeting will be March 13th with Annie Busch giving us a legislative update from the Missouri Budget Project.

Respectfully submitted

Brigitte Marrs