

**United Way of Danville Area**  
**Minutes – October 18, 2022 Agency Quarterly Meeting**  
**9:00am at Love, INC**

**Present:**

Mary Surprenant	Mike Graham	Liz Mellen-Irle
Linus VanderWyst	Katie Ostervur	Maj. Jason Pollom
Brooke Ferber	Marcie Sheridan	Jennifer Jackson
Elizabeth Cannon	Karen Orrick	

Not present: Rob Gifford, Robin Curry-Shumaker, Lisa Miller, Lisa Rhodes, Michael Remole, Pam Kovacevich, Todd and Brandy Seabaugh

**Mary**

We have raised double the income this year compared to this time last year. Radiothon was a week or so later this year. We are starting a new cloud-based software program.

VCHN – New website, vchelp.org, will be fully functional soon. We are working to get it up to date. There are 31 categories which will soon be down to 6 categories. Get a hold of us if you need a login for this website. If you're on the website, make sure your agency description is up to date.

DLAN – Tammy Pillott from Birth to 5 was present at the last meeting. They are expanding and starting meetings. This program has funding for daycare needs.

Women United – The next meeting will be held November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm at the Danville Country Club. The group is rallying behind mentorship. Working to collaborate with schools to help young women build confidence and gain leadership skills. This program is a way to get other people involved in United Way. There will be a fundraiser in the future.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library – We are partnering with the library and their Wee Wiggles program. We sent our volunteer, Cheri Hembrey, to read at the last session.

The campaign committee is working on developing impact reports. They're using the information on the agency quarterly reports for this data. These numbers are important to apply for grants.

We received a Covid grant which can be used for salaries. This will free up more money for agencies.

**Agency Updates**

**Peer Court** – (Katie) They are busy this quarter. They have 25 kids in the program with only 2 not finishing. 17 of the 25 have an income of less than \$25,000. Justin moved to Texas and was replaced by Maria, who has worked for Peer Court in the past.

**Pain Points:** Needs a third employee which could happen in spring depending on grants. It's a part-time job, after school and weekends.

**Survivor Resource Center** – (Marcie) Prevention and Education has grown with 3 full-time employees. They are doing programming with Boys & Girls Club. They are booked through December. They have a new program called Coaching Boys into Men. They talk to coaches and provide materials on healthy relationships and anti-bullying. They have an event coming up at Garfield Park. Neighbors get together with food and incentives being provided.

**Pain Points:** One open position otherwise fully staffed. Want to develop the second level of the building which they can use for trainings. The wiring needs to be updated as well as other infrastructure needs.

**VCCAC** –(Brooke) Really busy. Total of 3 staff members. Jonathan is away for military training until October 27<sup>th</sup>. Chelsea is doing great with interviews. There have been 180 interviews in the one and half years since opening and 60 interviews since July. Their first fundraiser was the Kids 2k. They wore costumes and had carnival games and prizes. They have helped families with gas cards and put one family in a hotel. They are opening a medical clinic for child abuse. A pediatric specialist from Peoria will come 2-3 times a month. This will help with evidence at a trial.  
Pain Points: Would love to expand and also have a child resource center.

**CASA** - (Liz) They switched offices to downtown Danville. There are 3 new staff in training (2 new positions) and they are working on recruiting and marketing. They have 68 volunteers and trying to get more. There are 150 new children in the program with 450 total.  
Pain Points: Need more volunteers.

**Salvation Army** – (Major Jason) Held an employment training workshop. There is a money management workshop being held soon. A drive thru coat drive will be held on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Registration for Christmas food baskets and Toys for Tots is underway. There is a web portal to sign up for bell ringing. There are some volunteers, but most bell ringers are paid.  
Pain Points: Volunteers needed for the office and for bell ringing.

**Rosecrance** – (Jennifer) 331 youth in quarter one. Already half-way to total goal for the year. They have 11 schools and more want them to come speak. Their main funding source is restricted to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. United Way money allows them to see children of other ages. Their part-time person became full-time so now they have two.  
Pain Points: Getting the program into the Danville schools.

**Boy Scouts** – (Mike) They had a good camp season. They had trainings in August. They started recruiting in September. Orientation was held at the camp so they can see the program. Camp Drake is in it's 90<sup>th</sup> year. Their funding is alright.  
Pain Points: Volunteers.

**YMCA** – (Linus) United Way money is to be used for their Senior program. Since Roselawn has closed, there have been more seniors attending. They added 2 aerobics instructors. They now have 40 hours of instructor led classes. Typically there are 110 people that have used the facility by 9am. There are several upcoming events: Floating Pumpkin Patch, Trunk or Treat and Haunted House. If people bring in a food donation there will not be a joiner fee.  
Pain Points: Lack of paying members. 25% of membership was taken by Planet Fitness. Still not back to pre-covid stats.

**Love, INC** – (Elizabeth) They are holding several classes: Boundaries Class and Crash the Chatter Box. They provide child care and dinner for the classes. They give out blessing bags and gas cards. They have a new program called Work Life which trains people on work ethics. They are seeking other locations to hold trainings in order to get more people to come. They have an upcoming fundraiser called Praise-a-Thon where you can bid on fancy desserts. They are also going to do a drive for toiletries.  
Pain Points: Grants are not coming in. Funding is down in general.

Mary would like ideas for future quarterly meetings. What would make meetings more helpful? Work on projects together?

A softball fundraiser will be held in the future with United Way agencies and businesses. Possibly a Chili cook-off in December.

United Way could be the hub for volunteers. Cross reference volunteers between agencies. Run back-ground checks.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Orrick