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What happened at the June 2 Tribune meeting?

On June 2, 2015, residents received Project updates and participated in two activities with a theme of “Learn, Teach, Share”.

Project updates included:

Solarus invests in Tribune: Special recognition was given to Solarus for investing \$5,000 in the Tribune and securing an additional \$5,000 matching gift from CoBank’s “[Sharing Success](#)” matching grant program. If you did not have an opportunity to see this recent news, please [visit our website to see Solarus’ entire news release](#).

Tribune Public Tours: Hosted by Helen Jungwirth, Tribune tours will be given throughout the summer. These will be the first in a series of public tours and learning opportunities being offered throughout the summer and into the fall. If you are part of an organization that could benefit from hearing about the Tribune Building Project’s origins and opportunities for current engagement, please call Incourage at 715-423-3863.

FEED Kitchens Site Visit: A number of engaged residents and Incourage staff participated in a site visit and tour of FEED Kitchens in Madison on May 26. Review tour highlights [here](#).

Youth Engagement: Recognizing that many youth have not been actively engaged in the Tribune public meetings, Incourage staff and engaged resident Jamie Jestadt reached out to area schools to engage youth in an activity for the Game Room space in the Tribune. The following local schools participated in the Game Room Activity: Nekoosa CWSA, Port Edwards, Washington Elementary, Woodside Elementary, and St. Vincent. Students were able to share their vision of the ideal experience within the Game Room space. They were able to select their favorite furniture, walls and artwork, as well as games and activities. All of the ideas and selections were shared with our partners at Concordia to help inform the design of the space.

Activity 1: Learn, Teach, Share

Residents worked together to identify what they would like to learn more about and what they could teach others. Additionally, residents shared potential networks/groups that could benefit from learning more about the Tribune’s process and progress through a Tribune 101 presentation.

Activity 1: Learn, Teach, Share continued

Themes that resulted from this activity:

What would you like to learn more about?

- Interior decorating
- Cooking – ethnic and general
- DIY Carpentry projects
- Knitting/crocheting
- Woodworking/woodturning/woodcarving
- Sustainability
- Gardening
- Local food education
- Canning/freezing/preserving
- Technology classes for elderly/all ages (cell phones, computers, tablets, iPads, etc.)
- Community Calendar
- Photography
- Logistics and legalities of how to distribute products made in culinary kitchen
- Wine tasting and beer tasting/brewing

What could you share or teach?

- Woodworking/woodcarving
- Photography
- Local History
- Music/Art
- Water activities – kayaking, canoeing, sailing
- Gardening
- Cooking
- CSAs
- Local food education
- Financial wellness and responsibility

What networks do you belong to that could benefit from a Tribune 101 Presentation?

- City Band (Tuesday nights, 7:15 pm, Robinson Park)
- InService For Teachers
- Neighborhood Table
- Ho-Chunk/Native American and Hmong communities
- YMCA
- Buy Local Buy Wisconsin

- Service clubs – Rotary, Elks, Kiwanis, CVB, Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club
- Lunch by the River
- Water Works and Lighting Commission
- Young Professionals
- Farmshed
- Travel Wisconsin
- Local school administrations
- YMCA
- Wood/Portage/ Marathon/Adams County Health Departments
- Hospital/Riverview/ Aspirus/Clinic
- Centralia/Lowell Center

Activity 2: Marketplace

Residents participated in marketplace conversations. “Marketplace conversations” give residents the opportunity to host a conversation on any subject to hear different perspectives and experiences, and receive support with an issue or opportunity they are facing. Eight different conversations were hosted by residents. Examples of conversations included creating a community calendar, supporting our local veterans, and learning more about downtown planning efforts.

What will happen at the next meeting?

There will be a break from meetings for the summer. Meetings are anticipated to resume in Fall 2015.

Where can I learn more?

Please visit tribunebuilding.org, or call Incourage at (715) 423 - 3863.