

BandonCares Group Activity Results
October 14, 2010

The Assignment:

In groups, discuss how Bandon can collaborate to leverage resources for the community.

1. Select one of the following **fundraising strategies**:

- Grants
- Special Events
- Community Donations

2. For the fundraising strategy, address the following questions:

- What are some ways nonprofits can collaborate to raise funds with this strategy?
- What resources are available to support efforts to collaborate? What resources are needed?

3. Individuals who are interested in being “conveners” or “facilitators” for the fundraising strategy were asked to identify themselves. A convener would be willing to gather interested people for followup sessions to develop more ideas/suggestions.

GRANTS

(Group 1 and Group 2)

Ways to Collaborate:

Group 1

- Find willing partners
- Identify organizations with common ground or purpose
- Avoid conflict among applicants/collaborators
- Start by identifying needs within the community

Group 2

- Write grants online (e.g. GoogleDocs and other sharing technologies)
- Have a compelling cause for a grant request
- Work together to review each other's grant applications

Resources Available:

Group 1

- Experienced grant writers
- Variety of skills to build stronger collaborative efforts
- North Bend Library Grant Writing resources
- Business Development Center classes
- Meeting opportunities

Group 2

- Google (to find grant providers)
- Consult with what and/or who has been successful
- Grant-writing workshops
- Focus: pass on/refer to others and meet all deadlines

Potential Conveners for Grants

Rebecca Wilsom

Linda Maxon

Tami Bolduc

SPECIAL EVENTS

(Group 3 and Group 4)

Group 3 - With focus on a specific possibility of a collaboration involving Community Garden and a ***Harvest Luncheon***

Ways to Collaborate:

- Recruit others to collaboration
 - Community Gardens
 - Valley Flora
 - Oregon Coast Culinary Institute
 - Misty Meadows

Resources:

- Space – Bandon’s Harbortown Events Center
- Volunteermatch.com
- Newspaper
- Farmers’ Market
- Community Garden Growers
- 4H Extension Service
- SC Community Garden Association
- Free samples
- Wineries

Group 4 - With focus on a specific possibility of a collaboration involving organizations focused on coastal flora and fauna and/or animals

Ways to Collaborate:

- Free Flight
- Shoreline Education for Awareness (SEA)
- Other potential organizations – Green Bridge
- Fund-raising and kinds of Special Event ideas:
 - T-shirts with sponsors’ advertising on them to sell or as prizes
 - Silent Auctions
 - Joint logos – a contest
 - A mutt-strut event with “rent a mutt” and “mutt strutting training” options
 - Furry Friends therapy
 - Drawings
 - Fashion shows
 - Garden tours
 - Spaghetti dinners
 - Dances – themed like “blues”

Resources (Community Assets):

- BHEC
- Chamber of Commerce website
- BandonCares

- Artists – shows & sales
- Fish – Lamprey eels
- TFFF & FILP
- Tribes
- Students
- Birds
- Ocean
- Estuary
- Berries
- Coffee Break

Potential Conveners for Special Events

Bill Russell

Darcy Grahek

Mary Margaret Smith

Stephanie Polizzi

COMMUNITY DONATIONS

(Group 5)

Ways to Collaborate:

- Use BandonCares' email connections to 'get the word out' about needs
- Include churches
- Include school system
- Use the Coffee Break
- Look at current models:
 - Good Neighbors/EAT share food resources
 - Bandon Community Health Center & Episcopal Church fundraiser for mammograms
- Develop a new "10-year List of Priorities"

Resources Available:

- BandonCares
- Congregations of Bandon's churches brought into the conversation
- Technology

Resources Needed:

- Measuring tools to determine community priorities
- Strategies for reaching the "twenty-somethings"

Finally, two people volunteered to be conveners for Volunteer Match, a national database of volunteer opportunities. Melody Gillard-Juarez presented this volunteer recruitment tool to the BandonCares group. She suggested that we all register our needs with this organization and use all our community resources to direct potential volunteers to that site. Like the last meeting that encouraged that all use the Chamber of Commerce calendar, the approach is that if we all use this, then we will leverage our advertising and recruiting efforts and increase our communication and cooperation.

Potential Conveners for Volunteer Match

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Tami Bolduc