

Chinook Forum – Wednesday, January 14, 2015

Welcome and Icebreaker: Favorite ice cream flavor?

Announcements: Next week at Forum will be the monthly Birthday celebration with CAKE, Closed Monday for MLK day, Stock Show on the 23<sup>rd</sup> (Friday) with 11 slots for members – will leave Alpine at 11:30 am, Stepping into Work Success – New class starts 1/27 (Tuesday), Newsletter contributions are due by 1/20 (Tuesday next week), Friday this week Winter Hike with James.

Old Business:

- Discussion continues about changing Forum – Vote today was 5 for PM time; 1 neither matters, 0 for AM, also all were in agreement about a Monday or Tuesday if in PM or a Thursday am. We decided it would be nice to VOTE so we're doing a quick ballot!
- Deb relayed that last meeting's notes were sent to Toni so she could see the amazing effort to problem solve some of the concerns about the community area, safety, and similar issues.

New Business:

- Snow Removal – members complained that the company doing this is not doing a great job. They are filling parking spots and the area by the dumpster is getting too icy and very wet when the snow melts. Can they try not to use parking spaces? Also could they dump snow closer to the fence to keep away from parking and walking area? LOTS of requests for more salt/sand as the parking lot is way too slippery on icy days.
- Question about the ice machine – will it be fixed or replaced? - Ezra said its in the hands of the Facilities staff and I also mentioned that Guy and Toni may need to weigh in.
- Lot and Found information relayed to members by Deb
- Stamp Out Stigma campaign worked on finalizing their info packet, planning to change the time of the meeting to Wednesday 11-12 in Classroom #1 – for Open conversation.

**CHINOOK is a voluntary program of MHP that provides avenues for recovery through pre-vocational and social support. We have numerous opportunities to learn work skills, practice skills, meet other members, participate in social events, and to move out of isolation into wellness. Please attend Huddle (every morning at 9:00 am in Office services or at the community table in the café) or Forum (weekly Wednesday 1:30-2:30 pm Classroom #2). Your support and participation makes a difference to all, members and staff.**