

Minutes dated 1/9/23
Social Justice Committee

Present: Vicki Huggins, Kate Kellogg, Kathy and Tom Heffernan

Our meeting was a brainstorming meeting. Andrea Sokolowski has asked Vicki to consider doing something with day care. Her request is attached to one of her affordable housing projects.

Kate is going to see if Carol Keene from Uncompahgre Valley Authority would come to our next meeting in February. She has done some work on day care. We want to find out how she went about it.

Vicki has approached the principal and staff members at Ridgway High School and the Elementary school and asked them to brainstorm ideas or issues that would fit our committee. Vicki is also going to visit Ouray High School about the same thing. Some of the things mentioned were school lunches, menstrual products for girls. Kids don't want to be singled out as being needy in some areas, how to work around that was something to brainstorm. Another idea was walks or hikes with kids.

We talked about grant money. There is an outdoor equity fund that the State Parks are in charge of, that might be something we can find out more about.

Kathy and Tom will talk with Fr. Nat about any needs he might know about in Ouray.

Heather Toth who owns Mojo's Coffee Shop in Ouray was interested in hosting our S.J. meeting.

Vicki will talk with her. She was interested in helping ROCC where she could.

Next meeting will be Monday Feb.13 at 4:00 pm at Kathy and Tom's place. But first we must find out if Carol Keens can meet then. We need to be flexible and accommodate her.