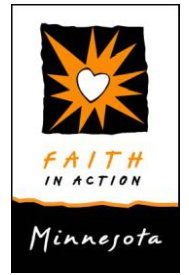




Minnesota Faith in Action
2010 Annual Spring Meeting
 Friday, May 14, 2010



Please join us for our MN FIA Annual Spring Workshop/Meeting:

Strengthening your Foundation

A program's success depends on its foundation. Are your program's building blocks properly aligned?
 Join us as we learn tools to build up the strength of your foundation for continued success!

* Registration Form *

Please return by **May 1, 2010**

Mail registration and payment to
 MN Faith in Action Association, c/o Myra Horner, 33015 Dove Road, Cushing, MN 56443
Call Myra at 218-330-8155 with any questions.

FIA Organization: _____ Phone Number: _____
 Email: _____

REGISTRANT INFORMATION:

_____ I/We will be joining you May 14, 2010 at the **Bridge Community Church, 1702 W. Highview Drive, Sauk Rapids, Minnesota** – directions on www.mnfia.org/upcomingevents

[] Director/Staff Name(s): _____
 [] Other Registrant(s): _____ Title: _____
 (Please use the back side for more registrants if needed.)

MEAL INFORMATION:

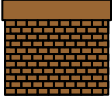
_____ Vegetarian Wrap - tomatoes, colby cheese, lettuce, cucumbers, sprouts, green peppers, red peppers, creamy havarti cheese & dill spread
 _____ Grilled Chicken Ceasar - grilled chicken, romaine lettuce, parmesan cheese, caesar dressing, crushed croutons
 _____ Caesar dressing on the side
 _____ Ham Wrap - honey ham, swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato & honey mustard spread
 Choose two sides: _____ Baby carrots _____ Pasta Salad _____ Sliced apples w/ caramel dip
 ♦ Special dietary needs (vegetarian, diabetic, food allergy, etc.): _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

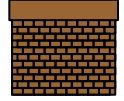
Payment includes: lunch, snack, and beverages. (Pre-payment is preferred, however payments will be accepted at the door. If you have questions on whether you've joined the Association, please contact Myra at 218-330-8155.)

_____ x \$25.00 for the 1st attendee from a MN FIA Association member organization
 _____ x \$15.00 = _____ for additional attendees from the same above member organization
 _____ x \$50.00 = _____ for non-members

\$ _____ **TOTAL DUE**



Strengthening Your Foundation



Agenda – 05/14/2010

8:45 **Arrival & NETWORKING:** ARRIVE EARLY SO YOU CAN NETWORK!

9:15 **Opening Agenda** - Welcome, Introductions and Opening Inspiration

9:30 **Keynote Speaker - Ellen Benavides**

Ellen Benavides balances her career as an independent consultant with making social issue documentaries and designing/building custom cremation urns. Several of her past consulting projects include researching and developing new tools to improve organizational effectiveness, board development and governance in small, grassroots and community based organizations, which resulted in co-authorship of “Coloring Outside the Box; One Size Does Not Fit All In Nonprofit Governance” and the “Ten Dimensions That Shape Your Board” workbook; and facilitating strategic and succession planning for non-profit organizations. Formerly the Director of Health Policy for Hennepin County, Ms. Benavides was responsible for developing the County’s health policy agenda, as well as for designing and implementing county-based health reform efforts to improve access to health care for the uninsured. Ms. Benavides has also served as the Director of the Medicaid Demonstration Project in Hennepin County, and the Executive Director of the Mental Health Association in Hennepin County.

Ms. Benavides holds a Masters in Hospital and Health Care Administration from the University of Minnesota and a B.A. in Physiological Psychology from Carleton College. Ms. Benavides past community and volunteer positions include serving as a Chair of the Development Committee for the Minnesota International Health Volunteers, Board Chair of Hearth Connection, Board Member for the Powderhorn Cultural Wellness Center, President of the Minnesota Public Health Association, Executive Committee Member of the Board of the Citizen’s League, member of the YWCA Women’s Health Advisory Committee and the Urban Coalition’s Health Advisory Committee.

Ellen will share with us what is possible and what keeps us working together to accomplish our dreams as we prepare for our break-out sessions.

10:45 **Building Block Break-out Sessions**

Building Block 1 – Churches & Community Relations

Facilitators: Dortha Doty & Lee Neste

Description: When discussing building blocks of a program – an essential (perhaps even a cornerstone) element is the relationship between a Faith In Action program and the community of congregations in their area. Large metropolitan and small rural programs share many of the same problems in effective collaboration. We would like to take an interactive view of the importance, the highs and the lows of these relationships. We will try to keep it light, but relevant – so bring your success stories, and your problems.

Building Block 2 – Funding Your Program

Facilitators: Bridget Britz & Jeff Fromm

Description: “So What’s New?” Most of us have experienced the stress of trying to fund our programs year after year. Stop chasing the money; build a solid service that changes lives and invite people to join with you in the work. We need to have a solid plan to sustain our programs into the future. In this session we will present some key components and a step-by-step process to build ongoing sustainability, and share some best practices in fundraising. We will encourage a conversation among our participants in this session and walk participants through action-planning based on what best fits each organization’s needs. You WILL leave this session with some concrete actions to build on at home.

Building Block 3 – Mission & Program Development

Facilitators: Nancy Biele & Patrick Day

Description: Are You Fulfilling Your Mission? This will be a discussion of the strategic planning process of vision, mission, goals, and objectives to accomplish your faith-based agency mission. This then becomes the framework for determining if a particular activity follows your mission and strategic plan, as well as a map for fulfilling the vision you have for your agency. The strategic plan of Faith in Action of Wright County will be used as a template for discussion.

Having alignment with mission, goals, and objectives will help you seek funding that supports you, rather than revising what you do to fit funder interests. Being clear about your vision and mission also gives you an idea of how much fundraising “mission creep” your organization can tolerate.

Building Block 4 – Volunteers

Facilitators: Kim Askeland & Krisie Charnley

Description: One of the greatest gifts we give each other is our experience. This building block will be an interactive peer learning and sharing process of what is working and what isn't working with the recruitment and retention of volunteers. This will also be a great opportunity for you to share your creative and inspiring volunteer recognition ideas with the group! Other topic areas will include how to effectively train volunteers and help them to create their own volunteer experience that will fulfill them and bring them the rewards they expect. If volunteers are engaged in the mission of your organization, recruiting for things such as fundraising will be a snap!

12:15 **Today's Menu: Signature Wrap Box Lunch catered by Coborn's** (sandwich, two sides, gourmet cookie, & condiments)

Association Meeting will be held during lunch

1:15 **Repeat presentation of morning's Building Block break-out sessions**

Building Block #1 – Churches & Community Relations

Building Block #2 – Funding Your Program

Building Block #3 – Mission & Program Development

Building Block #4 – Volunteers

2:45 **Break**

3:00 **Program's Round Robin** – What's the most exciting thing happening within your organization this year? Be prepared to share a 5-minute update with everyone else.

3:45 **Evaluations** - Thanks for sharing the day with FIA!