

## HOPE 4 Youth May Board Update

June 1, 2022

It was great to see (most) everyone at our May board meeting. I hope you enjoyed a long Memorial weekend honoring those who have given our nation their all. This month's update is going to be more of *planting seeds* as we move forward. At our May 23rd board meeting, we truly captured the work the team is doing and the current state of organization.

**Upcoming June event dates!** Please note all events are captured in the board portal on the *Board Calendar*

- Please check your calendars for availability for our annual Graduation Party on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Drop-In Center and our June 23<sup>rd</sup> Volunteer and Staff Appreciation Picnic at Mississippi River Park. If you need to prioritize only one event, thank you for prioritizing the June 23<sup>rd</sup> event.

**Fundraising connections** – your connections are invaluable to our momentum.

- Thank you for elevating minimally one individual or business we can connect with to help fund our mission. If you haven't connected with Julie, thank you in advance for this imperative cultivation request. See the details in Julie's message from May 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Program and mission engagement** - due to the realities of our space and the time of our youth meals, gathering together on August 1<sup>st</sup> is not realistic. We have an alternative option which we hope you will appreciate.

- Please choose from one of the three dates below to provide and serve a meal. Three - four board members can sign up for each of the following dates. Please respond to Danielle at [dsnider@hope4youthmn.org](mailto:dsnider@hope4youthmn.org) with the date best for you.
  - June 29<sup>th</sup> 4:30p-6:30p
  - July 5<sup>th</sup> 4:30p-6:30p
  - July 21<sup>st</sup> 4:30p-6:30p

**June 20<sup>th</sup> Board Retreat** - in preparation of our time together I will ask you to strategically and tactically help us shape our future.

Please come prepared with thoughts regarding the following:

- What is most meaningful about our HOPE 4 Youth mission?
- Where should we as an organization focus on as we move into the future?
- How will we get there?

Please be ready to close the loop on a few tactical needs:

- Entertain a move to a *Consent Agenda* format. The Executive Committee will be reviewing this direction, but it is clear we are to a point where more discussion and program education will be beneficial.
- Please bring your calendars to discuss the option to move our Monday board meetings to a different day and time. I have heard from many of you, Mondays are not your preferred day and 5:00p-7:00p is becoming a struggle. Let's talk about morning, midday, or early afternoon options.

**THANKS again for your time commitment and leveraging your expertise in all we do. See you later this month!**

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