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MEETING TIME AND LOCATION

Tuesday, September 20, 2016
12:00-1:00 p.m.
Wesley United Methodist Church
800 E. 12th Street
Des Moines, IA 50316-4304
Brown bag lunch

MISSION STATEMENT

To bring together and inform individuals and groups concerned about women in the Iowa correctional system and to act on their behalf.

INTRODUCTIONS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

We took an offering to help Wesley UMC offset utility expenses and to express our gratitude for the meeting space they offer us without charge, \$190 was collected. Thank you so very much.

REPORTS

ICIW Report – Warden Patti Wachtendorf
Fresh Start – Peggy Urtz

PROGRAM FOCUS

This month we are honoring our founder and other long-time members. In 1985 after the Citizens Advisory Board at the prison was dispensed with, the Rev. Carlos Jayne called together a group of people to consider forming “Friends of Prisoners at Mitchellville.” Originally, Mitchellville is where all incarcerated women were located. Years later when some of the women needed different services, they were sent to Mt. Pleasant. The name of the group was then changed to “Friends of Iowa Women Prisoners.”

Over the years several persons have been faithful in attending and having leadership roles. Among them are Jean Basinger, Irv Hofbauer and Dianne Fagner. Please join us as we honor these persons, along with Carlos Jayne.

RECAP OF AUGUST 2016 MEETING

In August we welcomed Ashlee Swinton, Program Coordinator for the Resiliency Project in West Des Moines, an arm of the Youth Justice program. This program provides comprehensive family services for at-risk youth in the West Des Moines Schools.

The Resiliency Project of West Des Moines:

- is a comprehensive preventative approach for at-risk youth who want to create a brighter future.
- believes that all youth have the capacity to be successful, and a project encompassing all areas of a youth's life will deliver the most successful outcome.
- is modeled from West Des Moines' Youth Justice Initiative (YJI). Created in 2000, YJI is a comprehensive approach to help youthful offenders between the ages of 11 and 18 get their life back on track, graduate from high school and become productive and engaged community members.
- The Resiliency Project will serve older youth when requested, if appropriate, and program capacity is sufficient.

We thank Ashlee for an interesting program.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

In October, we welcome Dr. Jerome Greenfield, Iowa Department of Corrections (DOC) psychiatrist. Dr Greenfield is an Iowa native from Guthrie County. He went to Drake for his undergraduate education in biology then to the University of Iowa for medical school. He did his psychiatric residency at the University of Kansas. He was in practice for 25 years, most of those at Mercy - Des Moines. He has been with the DOC for two years and now is the Director of Mental Health Services for the Iowa DOC. He is married to Dr. Peggy Greenfield, and they have three children. He enjoys competing in triathlons, camping, hiking and genealogy research.

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