

Attendance: Sarah Cochran, Katie Ahern, Melinda Austin, Rya Renewald, Danielle White, Laura and Robin

FOCUS AREAS:

- Get Nourished- Vacant
- Get Knowledge- Tracey Taylor and Katie Ahern
- Get Outside – Zachary Koepke
- Get Together – Rya Renewald

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Volunteer Fair Update (Rya) - May 30, 2026, Saturday from 12 pm to 2 pm

We have 10 organizations signed up and have room for two more. Live Well La Pine decided to fill a spot to promote the Newberry Country Food Bag project. Rya will reach out to Campfire, LPCK and Sarah will check her speed dating partnership list. Rya and Danielle have a marketing plan and everyone can promote the event through social media. Please reach out to Danielle or Rya if you would like to volunteer.

2. Get Outside: NAMI nature walk (Rya, Zachary and Casey) ~~June 7th~~

The NAMI Journaling Walk has been postponed until July 9th starting at the Big Tree. We can promote the walk at the Color Run in June. We were wondering about the age group for the walk and Katie will send an email to find out how we can promote this event. Melinda wants to bring some youth to the event.

3. Newberry Country Food Bag Project Update: Tracey Taylor and Olivia Shields

St. Vincent de Paul received over 1,000 pounds of food last week. We are hoping Olivia will post the email and then they will also share on their social media account. People enjoyed the variety of food. St Vincent de Paul needs more bags. The next pick up is June 25th.

If we have a table at the volunteer fair, we need a system to keep track of the bags with a sign-up sheet and collection person. St Vincent de Paul also needs some boxes if we have extra.

4. Resource Fair and/or Walk Run last weekend in September

There will be a resource fair at La Pine Elementary School in the last week in September from 4 pm to 6 pm. Food donations are already in the works as are partners. Live Well La Pine can support.

COMMUNITY UPDATES AND EVENTS

South County Collaborative: Sarah Cochran

Career Exploration lunch on May 14, 2026. See the photo in the email

Klamath Integral Youth Services: Melinda Austin

Almost ready to close on a new house for youth and working on transportation vouchers.

St Vincent de Paul

The showers are popular and available Monday through Thursday from 10 am to 11 am.

Tuesday and Wednesday start at 11 am and another round at 12:30 pm.

School will have a Color Run on June 10th.

Youth will all receive a T-shirt and all four schools will participate. There will be games and Danelle is looking for volunteers.

Library will open its new central library on May 11th and there will be a coffee shop inside plus amazing maker spaces and rooms for meetings! Opening ceremony will happen at a later date.

Let's set calendar events!

- Community event partnerships
- Ideas on how this group can support the youth's sense of belonging (aligned with suicide prevention). Ideas include social media responsibilities. - QPR Trainings (Tracey)
- May mental health and September is suicide prevention month
- Cooking classes at the middle school with the South County Collaborative or the Activity Center with Mindy Laidlaw

NEXT MEETING: May 26, 2026 (June 23, 2026)

UPCOMING EVENTS: Volunteer Fair in May (Rya)

Meeting: Fourth Tuesday of every month

MISSION STATEMENT: Building community engagement through access to nourishment, knowledge, outdoor activities, and being together, serving southern Deschutes and Northern Klamath Counties.

COMMUNITY EVENTS (added to calendar on NRP website)

- St. Charles/Stroke Awareness Oregon:
 - Lead with a Purpose May 5th 4 pm at Tetherow
 - Walk and Roll (with OSU) 5/18 at OSU Campus
- LPCK
 - Still open M-F 7-10:30 for continental breakfast
 - Work Source Van every other Wednesday 10-3 starting 2/25
- South County Collaborative
 - Need volunteer greeters for the high school Tuesdays and Fridays from 8:15-8:45 in the hopes to expand to other days of the week

