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**Live Well La Pine Meeting Minutes**  
**July 28, 2026**  
**Deschutes Library La Pine**  
**Noon to 1 pm**

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**Attendance: Tracey Taylor, Amanda Singh, Love Pearson, Debbie Ganieany, Katie Ahern, Zachary Koepke, Sarah Cochran,**

**FOCUS AREAS:**

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

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Get Outside: NAMI nature walk (Zachary, Casey and Rya)
  - This Thursday
  - Zach, Rya and Casey will attend
  - Katie shared the event on several marketing sites; Sarah shared with the schools and Chamber; Kathy shared with NRP, Chamber, and South County Shopper.
  - Zach and Rya are going out today to check out a good walking path.
1. Newberry Country Food Bag Project Update: Tracey Taylor and Olivia Shields
  - Updates- Will be meeting tomorrow. Could we use funds from Shawna to promote this project by purchasing bags? Next meeting, they will update the number of bags we have left. Next steps will be to ask St. Vincent's if we can store the bags and a future tablecloth (event items)
  - How do the partners keep track of the bags? Do they need a spreadsheet or another resource from us?
  - The next bags will include a QR code so that we do not need to spend our funds on the tags. We will still need to print some flyers and additional marketing materials.
  - There was a discussion on whether we could put the contribution stats on the website for marketing information. The Food Project has a website that lists all the organizations that participate in the program. The team will meet with the lead of the website and see if we can have a page for additional exposure.
2. Resource Fair and/or Walk Run in August or September Participation
  - We need someone who wants to lead this event.
  - We have not heard any updates, but it is summer, so we will reach out to Danielle White in August.

- The event is on September 30<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 2 pm to 6 pm. A walk or run is scheduled along with a resource fair on the high school track.
- An idea for our table is to have participants fill a green bag, empty the bag, or guess how many cans are in the bag game.
- With this said, we will purchase a Live Well La Pine tablecloth for events. Katie has a sign holder and will check to see if NRP has a tent.
- Love will ask St Vincent de Paul for storage or La Pine Parks, and rec and will ask about hours. Tracey could store temporarily, or Sarah.

### 3. Purchases

- We decided to have the group approve purchases prior to the expenditure. Katie will get the balance of our funds to date.
- At the last meeting, it was discussed purchasing a banner with a QR code link to the website or a tent. For now, we will get the tablecloth.

### 4. Marketing Plan

- The group brainstormed how we can better market events.
- Katie will put together a document that includes all the suggested contacts and share out for everyone to add contacts to the document.

### 5. August Meeting

- The group decided to take August off. Our next meeting will be in September.

## COMMUNITY UPDATES AND EVENTS

South County Non project meet and greet at La Pine Activity Center, 4:30 – 6:30 October 21, 2026

Sunriver September 26<sup>th</sup> October Fest

Nutrition Consortium November

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 is Mental Health Month 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:** (~~August 25, 2026~~) September 22, 2026

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** NAMI Nature Walk July 30<sup>th</sup>

**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.