
Live Well La Pine Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2026
Deschutes Library La Pine
Noon to 1 pm



Attendance: Tracey Taylor, Amanda Singh, Love Pearson, Debbie Ganieany, Katie Ahern, Zachary Koepke, Sarah Cochran, Danielle White, Rya Renewald, Michelle Rhoads

FOCUS AREAS:

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

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Newberry Country Food Bag Project Update: Tracey Taylor
 - Updates- purchased new bags
 - Looked at changes on the website.
 - Discussed storage of supplies at SVDP and need to track bags from participants.
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2. The resource fair at the school was not organized and there is talk about having one in the spring.
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. Updated Marketing Plan. The marketing plan will be housed on a google drive within NRP. This is an ongoing document.
5. The group decided to ask NAMI if we could co-sponsor quarterly events (walks). Katie will follow up with Devon. For marketing, the group that marketing to youth (source of strength club), home schooling community, Big Brother Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Club and CO Visitors Center for the event.

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 26th October Fest
- 🍏 Nutrition Consortium November

- 🍏 Michelle is coordinating Safe Routes to school for the district. ODOT want to do outreach and looking for home to do this. ODOT consultant want to talk to the community and people thought the high school or Halloween party at the activity center were excellent choices.
- 🍏 HDEFA completed the first year of Veggie Rx in La Pine with 10 veterans and the health center. There was 100% pick up rate for 15 weeks. HDEFA is also having an event in October to bring a farmer to the La Pine Community Kitchen and give out meal kits and veggies.
- 🍏 Sarah said they had a successful pre-apprenticeship program this summer where students earned 8 credits. She was also involved in the LPE Kinder camp for literacy and school readiness and nature day camp at the Grange.
- 🍏 Tracy reminded folks of the OHP changes coming for 2026-2028. Make sure your contact information is updated every 6 months and a person will need to renew with OHP every 6 months.
- 🍏 Love and Debi said the customer appreciation event was a success and they even had live music! They are currently working with twenty seniors and families with minor children.

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: September 22, 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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.