

**Iowa WINS** (Iowa Welcomes Immigrant Neighbors) **Commission**

**Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 7 PM**

First Presbyterian Church

902 S. Walnut St

Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641

OUR VISION:

That the greater Mount Pleasant community would be an inclusive and hospitable community that welcomes people from across the world looking for a new home.

In order to achieve that vision, the MISSION OF IowaWINs is to:

* Identify the issues that newcomers face here, to provide solutions and help integrate them with the community at large.
* Build relationships among the diverse members of our community.
* Build and maintain the infrastructures and sustainable programs that improve opportunity and services now and for future generations of immigrants.
* Provide educational and cultural outlets to the community to learn more about the people (and their needs) who come to Mount Pleasant.

**Agenda**

* **Introductions**
* **Leanna Miller –** will share her experiences on a service learning trip to the Mexico border. Leanna has also been talking with immigrant families in Mt. Pleasant about their personal stories. We hope to be able to use these stories to increase understanding of the families and the challenges that they have been and are facing.
* **Update on status of immigrant men detained by ICE and their families**
  + 24 men have been released on bond
  + Both men who were released on bail for federal charges but then immediately picked up by ICE have now been deported. That makes a total of 5 who were deported
  + 3 are facing criminal charges related to their immigration
    - 1 is scheduled for trial on 9/4 at 9 AM in Davenport
    - 1 is scheduled for trial on 10/1 at 9 AM in Davenport
    - 1 is scheduled for a status conference on 10/26
  + Also, the 15 year old son of one of the men who was deported is scheduled for his asylum hearing later in August.
* **Updates from sub-teams to address the following issues**
* **Family support**
* **Education support**
  + Rosetta Stone – English/Spanish computers – ready to go
* **Financial Oversight and Fundraising** – Update on funds raised
  + We will be accepting donations at this meeting to help us achieve our goal of raising the dollar amount for living and legal expenses for the families.
  + Auction to raise funds in September
  + IowaWINs pins for $2 – at First Presbyterian Church and at The Raven downtown
* **Physical donations and Food Pantry**
* **Media/Social Media**
  + IowaWINs is now on Instagram thanks to Amy Clark. Please send photos/post to her for inclusion.
  + Collecting stories from workers and families
* **Governmental contact**
  + Calls to Senator Grassley and Senator Ernst’s staff – remarks in Google Drive
    - 7/26/2018 Senator Ernst Call of July 25th
    - 7/21/2018 Senator Grassley Call Remarks OF July 16th
  + Several new articles on ICE in Google Drive
    - 8/5/2018         The Power of "Abolish ICE" - Opinion - New York Times
    - 7/30/2018 ICEwatch: ICE Raids Tactics Map
    - 7/30/2018 ICE has conducted hundreds of raids in New York
  + Senate hearing on immigration – 3 hours 21 minutes
    - <https://www.c-span.org/video/?449086-1/government-officials-testify-immigration-policy-senate-hearing>
  + Congressional candidate Chris Peters at Rotary Club lunch at IW on August 8th
  + Rep. Loebsack at Rotary Club lunch at IW on August 15th.
  + Planning contact with local officials.
  + **8/11 at 11 AM –** meeting with West Liberty community leaders about how to prepare for potential ICE raid
* **Event planning**
  + **August 25th Immigration Summit at University of Iowa**
  + Potential weekend event with soccer and food on Sunday, September 9th
  + We have a box for setting up an Iowa WINs table at events -- table cloth, flyers, signup sheets, clip boards, pens. instructions, etc.  Contact Bob Mueller at [mayatoddbob@aim.com](mailto:mayatoddbob@aim.com).
  + Schedule Genesis of Exodus once school term starts

Thanks,

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