

Values House (Chippewa Valley Technical College)

March 25, 2015, 4:30-6:30

Leader: Carol Craig/Recorder: Dave Morley and Emily Moore

23 public attendees

When you think about community and your public relationships with others, what values are most important to you?

Respect (5)	Kindness (4)	Freedom (4)
Education (4)	Fun/Humor (3)	Open mindedness (2)
Work (2)	Selflessness (3)	Determination (2)
Discipline (2)	Health (2)	Honesty (2)
Responsibility (2)	Love (2)	Security (2)
Safety (2)	Passion	Innovation
Happiness	Wisdom	Truth
Spirituality	Democracy	Balance
Equality	Understanding	Order
Ethics	Joy	Faithfulness
Integrity		

What trends or forces might threaten or endanger the values you have shared?

Lack of adequate resources: local-state taxes and individual poverty (4)

Gap in income – 1% 'ers, national government/ Economy (4)

Sense of entitlement, Apathy/Laziness (3)

Fear – lack of knowledge of others (2)

Overuse / advances in technology (2)

Government to freedom (religion, health, etc)

Inadequate CVTC /college facilities for health/wellness/library

Fear – not knowing how to communicate effectively

Family no exposing children to social realities

Lack of time

Greed

What can we as community members do to offset these threats and affirm the values we've listed?

Encourage volunteerism – participating in programs for student credit (3)

Be a good neighbor; create neighborhood groups that promote community (3)

Teach respect, keep open mind (3)

Be an example – voice concern, stand up for your beliefs (3)

Analyze resources & avoid duplication of time & money

Give of yourself- time, money, compliments

Support community organizations that teach values (i.e. Boys & Girls Club)

Align community schedules for families (i.e. UW, CVTC, ECASD)

Increase Library hours at CVTC

Budget efficiently

Provide wellness facilities for CVTC

Address infrastructure

Public evaluation: We did conduct an evaluation – with 20+ individuals we did not capture all the remarks. Here are some we did capture: interesting, insightful, fun, eye opener, great experience, glad I did this, what's next ...

Values House
Chamber of Commerce, Eau Claire
March 5, 2015

Facilitator/Facilitator: Mike Huggins
3 Participants

Important Values (*critical community values in **Bold***)

Responsibility

Service

Love

Education

Freedom

Honesty

Faith

Happiness/well-being

Threatening Trends/Forces

Self-serving leaders

Economic insecurity

Too busy/lack of time

Unwillingness to grow and change

Discourage ideation

Lack of critical thinking

Fear: financial insecurity, safety, insecurity

Partisanship and divisiveness

Technology as replacement for face to face contact

How can we address threats and affirm values

Make community values explicit

Live out our values

Be more efficient in how we use resources

Provide safe opportunities for dialogue to find common ground

Open and transparent communication

Prioritizing

Have more people experience a sense of purpose

Encourage people to give back the positive things they have received

Increase participation in the community with others

Values House
Christ Church Cathedral, Eau Claire
February 24, 2015

Facilitator: Mike Huggins
Recorder: Carol Craig
13 Participants

Important Values (*critical community values in italics*)

<i>Collaboration</i>	Tolerance
<i>Listening</i>	Peace
<i>Community</i>	Accuracy
<i>Fairness</i>	Humor
<i>Integrity</i>	Generosity
<i>Open-mindedness</i>	Friendship
Education	Accomplishment
Respect	Ethics
Compassion	Kindness
Responsibility	Patience
Happiness	Truth
Trust	Honesty
Freedom	

Threatening Trends/Forces (*most serious threats in italics*.)

<i>Communication</i>	Personal agenda
<i>Lack of involvement</i>	Economy
<i>Silos</i>	Bureaucracy
<i>Fear</i>	Concentration of wealth
<i>Competiveness</i>	Busyness
<i>Segregated groups</i>	Hate/anger
Prejudice	Corruption
Narrow-mindedness	Complacency
Self-centered	Greed

How can we address threats and affirm values

Get involved in public minded groups
Fix up things where you are with what you have
Broaden communication
Create community forms and forums
Encourage involvement
Create awareness
Market the priorities and recruit
Collaborate with service organizations
Personally invite others to participate
Support nonprofit organizations

**Augusta Senior and Community Center
Clear Vision Community Listening Session
February 12, 2015; 12:30-3 PM; 5 participants plus Ann Schell and Don Mowry**

What the Community Values?

Healthy community
Environment
Harmony, Open-mindedness, Respect for One Another, Tolerance, Understanding
Opportunities for Work
Education
Empowerment
Accomplishment
Cooperation/Collaboration, Partnership, Helpfulness

What Threatens These Values?

Apathy
Dishonesty
Uncooperativeness
Inefficiency
Laziness
Consistently Making Bad Choices
Lack of Knowledge Resources
Lack of Transportation
Negative Emotions (Anger & Hate)
Pride
Lack of Respect
Lack of Healthcare or Lack of Access to Healthcare
Cliques and Territorialism

What Can Be Done to Address Threats and Strengthen the Community?

Positive Attitude
Proactive Mental Health and Health Mediation
Increased Respect for Authority
Cultural Shift in Attitudes and Behaviors
(Specific idea—Love and Logic program for parents and grandparents, teachers, church youth leaders and church lay leaders)
Consistent Consequences—Establishing Boundaries—Love
Community Collaboration that Includes Churches and Faith-Based Organizations
Develop Transit links to neighboring communities

Ann and Don both felt like this session went well and that the participants felt like it was just a start and they would like to continue the conversation. We discussed the possibility of a mini-empowerment summit and they seemed very interested. We found out that all six churches in the Augusta area cooperate around areas of mutual interest such as providing food, clothing and shelter to homeless families and families in need.

**Values House
Community Table
December 16, 2014**

**Leader: Dave Morley
Recorder: Emily Moore
Board Member: Ann Rupnow
5 Public Attendees**

When you think about community and your public relationships with others, what values are most important to you?

3 Love
3 Friendship
2 Spirituality
2 Freedom
1 Relationships
1 Joy
1 Community
1 Listening
1 Simplicity
1 Honesty
1 Kindness
1 Forgiveness
1 Truth
1 Excellence
1 Education
1 Respect
1 Cooperation
1 Enthusiasm

What trends or forces might threaten or endanger the values you have shared?

Apathy
Selfishness
Ignorance
Fear
Anger
Arrogance
War
Diminishing of Importance
Depression
Not Listening
Taking on more than you can handle
Stubbornness
Insensitivity
Greed
Divisiveness

What can we as community members do to offset these threats and affirm the values we've listed?

Interact with others not like ourselves
Not assume I know what someone else values
Engage & Listen
Open-minded
More port-a-potties
Value people's opinions
Value people
Thankful for what one has
Faithfulness
Trust
Willing to change
Compassion for others
Walk a mile in someone else's shoes
Knowledge is power
Creativity
Collaboration with others
Drinking fountains

Public Evaluation:

It was good to have someone listen to me
Encouraged
Hopeful
Inspired
This made me think
Maybe there will be some changes

**Values House
Altoona Community Conversation
December 10, 2014**

3 public attendees

3 Clear Vision Board members: Mike Huggins, Ann Rupnow and Ann Schell)

Top values (not ranked) in terms of “community”:

- Collaboration
- Learning
- Creativity
- Service
- Trust
- Enthusiasm
- Environment
- Cooperation
- Participation

Things that threaten/inhibit those values:

- Political agendas
- Wealth v. poverty – the growing gap, and tension the gap creates
- Economic instability – loss of jobs, limited funding, etc.
- Apathy
- Rising cost of living in community
- Reporting (or lack of) community news

Possible actions to preserve/promote community values:

- Address fragmented communication
- Build bridges across generations
- Create public spaces for people to gather
- Build assets of parks and trails systems
- Build indoor community center – northwest
- Create farmer’s market in new north quadrant
- Improve shared services between communities (government)

**Values House
(Fairchild Public Library)
November 20, 2014**

**Leader: Tom McCarty
Recorder: Carol Craig
Board Member: Dave Morley
10 Public Attendees**

**When you think about Community and
Your public relationships with others, what
values are most important to you?**

7	Education
4	Community
2	Compassion
2	Environment
2	Honesty
2	Integrity
1	Collaboration
1	Dedication
1	Determination
1	Empathy
1	Equity
1	Freedom
1	Happiness
1	Humor
1	Love
1	Tradition
1	Visionary
1	Willingness
1	Wisdom

**What trends or forces might threaten or
endanger the values you have shared?**

Poverty/Economics
Job Insecurity/Loss
Geographic Distance/Location
Population Loss
Business Loss
Economic Change – Overall
Drugs
Demographic Changes
Aging Population
Public Infrastructure
Myths of Fairchild
Work Force Skills

**What can we as community members do to
offset these threats and affirm the values
we've listed?**

One Time Fundraiser
Local Community Development Planning
Help Each Other...heating, cars, etc. (positive relationships)
Pay It Forward
Farmer's Market/Food Availability
Public Ride Share Outside of Village
Incentive for Business
Increase "web" information re. what village offers
Public Relation Campaign
Acknowledge Successes
Grant Possibilities

Public Evaluation:

These comments were made by participants:
Encouraging, Hopeful, Very Worthwhile, Good
to hear positive thoughts by participants,
Positive Evening

**Values House
(L.E. Phillips Senior Center)
October 28, 2014, 1-3 PM**

**Leader: Tom McCarty
Recorder: John Stoneberg
Participated: Dave Morley
6 public attendees**

When you think about community and your public relationships with others, what values are most important to you?

7	Education
5	Safety
3	Community
3	Democracy
3	Environment
3	Equality
2	Growth
2	Truth
1	Calmness
1	Collaboration
1	Fun
1	Honesty
1	Peace
1	Respect
1	Tradition
1	Trust

What trends or forces might threaten or endanger the values you have shared? (We just covered three.)

Education:
Funding cuts
Lack of jobs
The need to get back to the basics
Erosion of respect for education/educators
Dysfunctional school boards and administration
Vouchers

Safety:
Road rage
Need for "safe places" (from drugs, crime, etc.)
Isolation/loss of neighborhoods

Democracy:
Lack of respect/trust for each other, institutions, etc.
Special interests/big money
Disinformation
Need to listen to understand/hidden Agendas

What can we as community members do to offset these threats and affirm the values we've listed?

Education:
Make more alliances
Create the opportunities for more listening sessions
Encourage more volunteerism

Safety:
Make more alliances
Encourage more volunteerism
Create "safe spaces"
Legislate stiffer penalties

Democracy:
Create "safe spaces" for citizens to communicate in

Public evaluation:
Informative (2)
Encouraged
Listened to (two words!)
Sharing
Intrigued