

June 22, 2020

WTCC Core Team meeting

In attendance: ET, Nicholas G., Tyler K., Lars K., Lois W., Teal W.,

- We discussed why Happy Hour has fallen away in the past few weeks. After WYSTEM, ET was very tired of having to do something every evening. Discussed mechanisms for dispersing the responsibility for Happy Hour, especially with new employee responsible for community-building. Agreed that Happy Hour will definitely resume.
- Discussed current post-reopening spike in Wyoming cases and what WTCC could do. ET raised the problem that there seems to be a significant change in perception of what we do. He notices significant pushback, both generally and to WTCC (in the context of his recent KGWN interview), and reduction in social media traffic around WTCC. Teal said we might be in the “biggest uphill battle state there is” for this. Moonshot Project idea is “coming under fire,” ET said, and described our image as “vigilantes in some form or other.” Lars suggested our image should be as “fact-based and apolitical as possible,” and that we shouldn’t be seen as advocating for something. There was discussion about the implications for the Moonshot Project and for contact tracing initiatives.
- ET asked everyone to think about these issues and post their thoughts on the Core channel. It was decided to raise this issue in the presence of the new employees who have been invited to Wednesday’s leadership meeting, to gain their perspective on it.
- ET reported that Workforce Services is ready to go ahead with Stephen, Dawn, and Jason. Stephen is in Casper, Dawn is in Cody, and Jason is in Cheyenne. All 3 contacted ET over the weekend, eager to start. Until their contracts are signed they are not paid, so they will be encouraged to join our meetings and Slack but they cannot be paid until the paperwork is all accepted and processed, which could take up to 2 weeks. The employees may not want to work full time because that would impact their unemployment benefits.
- There was lengthy discussion of accountability to WFS or the Legislature for the expense of these employees, considering that we are in a curious position because we are only supervisory; we are not paying the employees ourselves. LW suggested asking them to submit a regular report of activities to the Core team, perhaps weekly. There was considerable discussion of time-tracking and task software such as Trello that might be used. Lars suggested asking them on Wednesday what system they currently use or would like to use.
- Wednesday’s meeting will be on the order of a Meet and Greet with the new employees.

Next meeting: Wednesday June 24, 6 PM