



# Rural Organizing Project

Advancing Democracy in Rural Oregon

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Greetings Lorraine, Susan and Jo-

Thanks all for a splendid visit to Tillamook. I very much appreciated a chance to travel to Nath County (oh so critical) and to meet w/ a group of local human dignity activists. It was an impressive, inquisitive and clearly committed group. A couple of debriefing thoughts from talking w/ you and others - perhaps they will be of use.

It does seem critical that internal and external communication be looked at. Susan, you mentioned a phone tree is being set up - great! I would give each person 5-10 names, no more or the system breaks down. Keep a central phone tree list so when someone moves, you can give their list out to someone else. Another piece of communication is mail. The ROP directly and indirectly mails out quite a bit of stuff that benefits from circulation. As we all know, information is power. All of the most involved folks need access to info. Options:

- 1) That the info get mailed somewhere w/ a xerox, packets get made + folks are responsible for picking them up. The Crisis Center or Lorraine are 2 possible sites.
  - 2) Linda Werner offered to take info to Kinlos and get xeroxed.
  - 3) Current system - Susan gets mail then figures out way to distribute.
- Xeroxing costs should be covered by your human dignity group. Avoid postage by people being responsible to pick up. Any plan can work but if feels like one is needed the simpler and more realistic the better.

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The group seems real ready to move into action. It is critical that someone gets to just follow up on <sup>peoples</sup> commitments. We forget that piece too often and then nothing happens. Who follows up on the County fair, school group, Anne Frank exhibit, hot line, petition etc etc. One person can do all follow-up work.

The P3 Crisis Center, through Jo + Susan, have taken on critical tasks - my concern is that as you are both human dignity leadership that you be realistic. How can you both be supported? Susan can you do all you volunteered for and be chair and parent info packets? If not, what can you get others to do.

Hope you don't mind my input but I offer it in support - you have great ideas and energy, I want to support them.

A few questions/comments for ROP.

- 1) We need a raffle coordinator for Tillamook for a late summer event. Do you have a name I can work w/. ROP sets up all, you sell tickets 75% stays locally, 25% supports ROP. Let me know.
- 2) Do you have a fax # for human dignity "for free". Does CAT have one? Let me know. - oops, I bet we can use Lorraine's.
- 3) Enclosed, for Lorraine is a ROP article that may be of use for newsletter. The goal is to start having Tillamook human dignity activists feel connected to a larger network.

That's all! Hope you are all well. I had great fun.  
Mary