

Kosciusko Leadership Academy's Project Proud

April 11, 2017, Ivy Tech Community College

Community Conversation 3.0 – Steps Toward a Sustainable Future for Our County (7:15-7:30)

Three public sessions gathered community input and ideas on emerging issues affecting our area. These issues and ideas for future growth and improvements to our community will be presented to decision makers and stakeholders.

Elise Close	Pierceton	Medtronic
Vicky Decker	Warsaw	Re Max Results
Jennifer Kerns	Warsaw	Kosciusko Chamber
Kristi Parker	Warsaw	Lake City Bank

Nut Knowledge: Increasing Awareness, Knowledge, and Options for Those with a Peanut Allergy (7:30-7:45)

An estimated 1,000 individuals in our county are affected by a peanut allergy. Peanuts (tree nuts) are one of the top food allergies in our country. With the help of interested restaurants and the investment of concerned individuals, we seek to increase safe public eatery options in our county to attract individuals and families to our progressive community and increase revenue to area restaurants.

Jill Bouillon	Syracuse	Paragon Medical
Brooke Hamstra	Warsaw	Thorne Insurance
Danette Till	Warsaw	Manchester University

Makers Space (7:45-8:00)

A centralized facility allowing members of Kosciusko County to foster creative thinking and innovative ideas. Makers Space will be equipped with tools and machines to allow members to design, build, work, and think freely in order to propel our community into a new innovative age.

Zane Gard	Winona Lake	Kosciusko Community YMCA
Jason Gergely	Warsaw	Alderfer Bergen & Co
Trevor Ross	Warsaw	1 st Source Bank
Art Woodruff	Warsaw	Grace College

Kosciusko County Park System: Bridging the Gaps, Connecting Communities

(8:00-8:15)

A research based project with a goal of assessing the feasibility and benefits of a county wide park system in Kosciusko County. The project will identify areas around the community which could be incorporated into a county park system, as well as identify grants and funding available.

Brandi Grimm	Winona Lake	Medtronic
Ryan Thornburgh	Warsaw	Precision Medical Technologies

Break

Kosciusko Business Starter (8:30-8:45)

Kosciusko Business Starter is dedicated to helping those who reside in and around Kosciusko County to embrace their entrepreneurial spirit. Created in conjunction with Grace College School of Business, our tools provide the necessary resources to guide individuals to successful ventures. We offer a questionnaire which connects individuals to community professionals for one-on-one assistance.

Nate Carver	Warsaw	Instrumental Machine and Development
Anne Cuahuizo	Warsaw	Kosciusko Community Hospital/MedStat
Evan Speicher	North Manchester	Instrumental Machine and Development
Kacy White	Warsaw	Instrumedical Technologies

River Roots Canoes and Kayaks, Part II (8:45-9:00)

Fostering an appreciation for the beauty of Kosciusko County through river tourism. This project continues the work of a previous KLA whitepaper team.

Seth Bingham	Warsaw	Grace College Student
Rev. Michael D. Mueller	Fort Wayne	Redeemer Lutheran Church
Tim Vosberg	Winona Lake	formerly, Lake City Bank
Ryan Workman	Auburn	City of Warsaw

Volunteer Kosciusko (9:00-9:15)

With today's technological advancements and our growing community, Don Bergen, the original founder of Volunteer Kosciusko, asked our group to analyze the organization and website as it exists today. Alongside United Way, our group sought to modernize and market Volunteer Kosciusko into the platform our community needs to connect its citizens with volunteer opportunities and organizations in need.

Taylor Garrison	North Webster	Helvey and Associates
Michael Slavkin	Warsaw	Ivy Tech Community College
Jessica Wienhorst	Warsaw	Ivy Tech Community College Student

Warsaw's Water Wonder (9:15-9:30)

Have you ever considered an outdoor community pool in the Warsaw area? This project proposes opportunities for increasing public swimming options in a safe and clean environment.

Brooke Gottschalk	Columbia City	Bowen Center
Drew Lyon	Winona Lake	Cardinal Services
Tori Perry	Warsaw	DePuy-Synthes
Jon Slocum	Warsaw	SYM Financial