

Great Game Huddle Notes

December 20th, 2016

Angie Crews opened today asking the audience to help the Huddle Steering Committee find direction for future huddles in 2017. Attendees were asked to write down our ideas in the following three areas.

1. *What program has been most beneficial in the past?*

The Commission Corner and departmental updates were two popular answers.

2. *Leadership Academy – would the materials be beneficial if brought to the huddles?*

This would get information to the folks unable to attend huddles, those people on the front lines every day. Suggestions were made to make the huddle notes more accessible to each employee.

3. *What do you want to know more about?*

We could educate our Greene County staff by giving tours of the facilities as new employees, communicating more about issues that are in the newspaper, or have a “Government 101” class.

The “suggestion” notes were collected for review by the Steering Committee.

Justin Hill presented an inspirational message about giving from the life of Joseph Ransom. Joseph is the author of the book “I’m Not Blind...I Just Can’t See”.

In the 1970’s as a young, blind college student, Joseph was very poor. He lived in a rundown trailer while attending school, relying on part-time work and financial help from friends to survive. Joseph once received a donation of \$700, and decided to use the money to add an additional room to his trailer home. He became so obsessed with the project that he began shutting out the world and all of his friends. One night, he lost his home to a fire and he remembers thinking it was a good thing that he was blind so that he couldn’t see all of his belongings burning. In the days that followed, as his friends stepped forward with gifts to help him rebuild his life, it occurred to Joseph that the gifts they brought were the same items that he had given them as gifts in past years. “The only things I saved from the fire were the things I had given away”, Joseph reflected.

During this giving time of the year, remember that the pieces of yourself you have given and investments you have made in other people will long outlive you. Give freely of yourself and your possessions!

MERRY CHRISTMAS, everyone!!

