MUNDO Minutes 9/12/2016

- Sunshine Service: No Day But Today (September 12th)
  - Painting room decorations/sweet pick-me-ups, and making paper flowers for the patients of the James Cancer Hospital

- Service Discussion first (Around 30ish minutes): Facilitated by Tyler and Manal
  - What is service? Why is it important?
  - Why is it good to learn about the community you’ll be serving?
    - They may have special needs you need to be aware of (ex. Cancer patients can’t have any live plants, many can’t be around perfumes, bubbles, other chemicals, etc.)
    - They may have different customs that you should be aware of (ex. Perhaps the population you are around has a custom you find confusing that it would be good to know about beforehand, or vice versa)
    - You’ll find out where they truly need help, not where we think they need help
    - You’ll find out they do need/want our help
    - You learn new things!
    - Anything else you can think of!
  - Why is it good to learn about your participants?
    - Your participants may not be able to participate in the event for religious reasons
      - Certain religions can’t touch pork, which could be problematic for those who practice when in a food pantry
    - Your participants may not be able to participate for medical reasons
      - Allergy to the sun would prohibit long outdoor service, possibly allergies in certain environments, comprised health systems, etc.
    - Your participants may not be able to fully participate due to disabilities
      - Ex. Working in an elevated area without ramps/elevators/wheelchair paths could be difficult for those in a wheelchair
      - Knowing possible roadblocks can help you prepare for them and find a way to make sure everyone can fully participate in the activity and protect the participants from feeling uncomfortable by discovering the situation last minute/feeling different
  - How do you find out this information?
    - Ask!
SERVICE PROJECT

- Project: making amenities for James Cancer patients
- Why: to make them smile, raise morale, show we care, etc.
- Guidelines:
  - Nothing with “get well soon,” sentiments
    - It can be very insensitive and painful, as many patients will not do so
  - Keep the space clean
    - Respect the union tables, clean up after yourselves, etc
  - Audience is mostly adults 18 and older, all different kinds of cancer
    - Rest of time: Crafting!

REMINDERS

- Sign-up for Sophtoberfest and A Meal and Some MUNDO: Amish Country!