INTRODUCTIONS

Who we are.
What we do.
What we get out of group.
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Project to revamp New Bethany Ministries Website

http://www.newbethanyministries.org/

Current site is difficult to maintain. Poor Documentation. Poor Design.

A dozen members involved. Had to Learn DotNetNuke
New Bethany Ministries website project - Technology

• What we are working with on website – DotNetNuke Community Edition version 5.2.3 – DotNetNuke is a content management system software that allows developers to manage and update website content in one central location (ease of use and content)
New Bethany Ministries website project - Their situation

• Executive Director (Diane Elliott - LVP alumni) was left with task of website management and updates. Volunteer who was doing this prior to her left, and did not train on or transfer knowledge nor documentation for site management (which was scheduled). Armed with a user manual provided by the hosting company (SektorOne), they have struggled to maintain this site, which is critical to their public and supporters.
New Bethany Ministries website project - Their requirements

- Update website/refresh website content, look and feel
- Change the color of the website template/outline (skin) from current look (construction /home improvement looking site) to brighter, more appealing look
- Provide documentation that is easy to understand and follow
New Bethany Ministries website project - Site outline for changes

- Home Page
  - Donate by clicking here (Monthly Donation Option)
  - Current & Upcoming Event/s
  - Facebook, Twitter (?) Links

- The Need
  - Client Stories
  - Statistics
  - Links and Resources

- Our Services/Programs
  - Mollard Hospitality House
  - Food Pantry
  - Restoration
  - Traditional Housing Program
  - Wyandotte Apartments
  - Single Room Occupancy Program
  - Representative Payee Program
  - Columbia House
  - Grace House

6/7/2013
New Bethany Ministries website project - Site outline cont.

- About Us
  - Mission
  - Our Story (History)
  - Staff
  - Board
  - Our Facilities
  - Our Community
  - Newsletters (Archive: Past & Present)
  - Photo Galleries (Link or Galleries)

- How You Can Help
  - Donate
  - Volunteer (Volunteer Form)
  - Sign Up for E-Newsletter

- Sign Up for Print Newsletter
- WishList
- Presentations (Schedule Speaker)
- Map/Directions

- Contact
- Site Guide/Map
New Bethany Ministries website project - Structure

• Initial meetings with New Bethany Ministries staff to discuss needs, site specifications, and plans for site

• Interested IT Focus Group members were trained on DNN fundamentals, assigned pages in the testing environment, and given parts of the website to work on.
New Bethany Ministries website project - Estimates

- Our Progress -
  Newsletters, Site Guide/Map, Skins, Our services and Programs, Newsletters, Calendar, Donation, Contact Us, Locations, Staff and Board Members, Mission, Gallery worked on in testing environment

- Project completion estimation – end of July 2013
New Bethany Ministries is a faith-based agency providing care, services, and facilities to the homeless, the hungry, the mentally ill, and the poor with a level of quality that exceeds that of secular agencies. Founded 25 years ago, our goal with homeless families is self-sufficiency and independent living. Our goal with poor and mentally disabled adults is optimization of their opportunities and quality of life. New Bethany feeds over 150 people each weekday in its meal center and provides over 400 families each monthly with groceries from its food pantry. New Bethany owns six buildings providing 10 rooms of short-term case managed transitional housing for homeless families, 10 apartment units of long-term case managed transitional housing for homeless families, as well as 49 units of permanent low-income housing. New Bethany Ministries is the only provider of transitional housing for families in Northampton County, non-profit.
New Bethany Ministries website project - View of what we have

• Locations (page)
• Mission, Contact Us (page)
• Our Services/Programs (page)
• Newsletters/Site Guide (page)
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Lower Macungie “Sidewalk” Website

https://sites.google.com/site/lmtwalkways/home

Alumni member of LVP asked for assistance from the IT Focus Group

Completed with Google Sites
Lower Macungie Walkways Website Project

Please fill out our contact form if you are a resident and want to connect with us about walkways in Lower Macungie Township in Pennsylvania. After you submit the contact form, expect to be invited to join our list serve called walkways-in-lower-macungie-township@googlegroups.com so you can keep up to date on our work.

This web site is used by a volunteer community group that is trying to make our township a more walkable community. We are located in Lower Macungie Township, about 3 miles southwest of Allentown Pennsylvania. At this website, you will find minutes of our meetings and our quarterly reports to the township on
Use customized images

LMT Walkways

Please fill out our contact form if you are a resident and want to connect with us about walkways in Lower Macungie Township in Pennsylvania. After you submit the contact form, expect to be invited to join our list serve called walkways-in-lower-macungie-township@googlegroups.com so you can keep up to date on our work.

This website is used by a volunteer community group that is trying to make our township a more walkable community. We are located in Lower Macungie Township, about 3 miles southwest of Allentown Pennsylvania. At this website, you will find minutes of our meetings and our quarterly reports to the township on our efforts and other information.

Use of Sidebar Menus

Google Groups Integration

View Updates:

- Minutes
- Events
Powered by Google Sites – Web Parts/Objects

- Sites.google.com – Free website publishing service
- Create and design using prebuild templates
- Ability to add pages and google widgets like Google Calendar and announcements, Google groups etc.
- Contains site management, access management and permission sharing
- Allows for “click and drag” page development similar to building power point presentations.
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Assisting LVP members with PC, website, Yahoo groups and other IT related issues
TEAMWORK TIPS TO THE
LVP MEMBERSHIP
(Weekly Meeting)

• Publish Weekly Minutes
• Send out reminder of meeting to all of LVP
• Maintain a Membership Spreadsheet
• Maintain a database of Training Websites, User Groups, Tips, etc.

6/7/2013
TEAMWORK TIPS TO THE LVP MEMBERSHIP (External Projects)

• Meeting often with team members working on project as well as periodically with the client

• Issues with landings – how do others take up the slack

• Realize that this is not a full time commitment by anyone involved

6/7/2013
QUESTIONS?