Master Community Facilitator Volunteer Training Course Syllabus

Hello. And welcome to this offering of the Master Community Facilitator Volunteer program. We are so glad that you have decided to join us and are willing to share some of your many talents to help spark meaningful conversations about important issues with your fellow citizens across the state. Hi, I’m Bruce Chladny and I have been asked by leaders at Kansas State University to create and guide you through this training and volunteer effort. As a long time employee of K-State Research and Extension as an Educator, it has been my privilege to work with many great people in a variety of roles and responsibilities including volunteers - - and I know this group will be no exception! I, along with my colleague and mentor Trudy Rice, began this journey in the Spring of 2017. And with the funding support of Kansas State University and the Dane G. Hanson Foundation we have created, what I believe to be, an exciting, educational, and meaningful program that will help you to engage in work that is necessary and quite frankly - - long overdue. It is our hope, that through this training and subsequent volunteer efforts to organize and lead community conversations around a variety of topics, Kansas will start to experience growth and prosperity in our more rural parts of the state.

So if you’re ready - - let’s get started!

To be completed prior to the first class

_____     View Chapter 1A Video – A Brief History and Introduction

_____     Complete Activity 1 – Facilitation Observation Tool

_____     View Chapter 1B Video – Fundamental Skills of a Facilitator

_____     Reflect on videos using Master Community Facilitator Volunteer Program Reflection Questions

_____     View Chapter 2 Video – Phases of the Facilitation Process

(Have Chapter 2 Worksheets available)

_____     Reflect on video using Master Community Facilitator Volunteer Program Reflection Questions

_____     Review Chapter 3 – What are Study Circles?
Prior to Second Class

- Review Chapter 4 – The Charrette Procedure
- View Chapter 6 Video – A Word About Adult Learning Theory
- Review Chapter 6 – A Word About Adult Learning Theory

Prior to Third Class

- Review Chapter 3 – What are Study Circles?
- Review Chapter 7 – Conflict and Process Disrupters