



Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
August 7, 2017  
@ Reed-Custer HS

**Members in Attendance:** Pete Dell'Aquila, Project Coordinator; Tim Ricketts, President; Nick Ficarello, Vice President; Pam Dell'Aquila, Secretary; Sandy Fletcher, Treasurer; Rich Rizzo, Member at Large

**Call to Order:** President Ricketts called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm and welcomed Rich Rizzo as our new Member at Large.

**Approval of Minutes:** Sandy made a motion to approve the June 2017 Exec. Board Minutes. Rich 2nd. Motion carries.

**Project Coordinator Report:**

Pete reported that the coalition has been awarded a \$75,000 SAPS grant by the state to continue our prevention work in Southern Will County (SWC)...(Braidwood, Wilmington, and Peotone). He noted that the funding includes salary for one staff member, and explained that the Alcohol and Opioid campaigns that are mandated by the grant will be designed by the state. He expects us to receive the campaign materials in 6 months or so. He noted that since the state is designing the campaigns, we will not need to conduct focus groups. Giveaways for the campaigns are not included in the grant funding. The grant mandates the development of a Youth Advisory Council (YAC) comprised of students from the three SWC high schools. Other mandates include compilation of Resource Directories and youth participation in National Prevention Week and Drug Take Back Days. He suggested that the campaign posters which haven't been posted yet from last year's campaign should be used, and that the new campaign materials that were designed for this year be given to Wilmington to use. It was suggested that we continue the Southern Will Students and Parents webpages, and he indicated that money is in the budget for those to be kept current.

Pete reported that it was decided not to print coalition business cards due to the possibility of an address change if we proceed with a new building. He noted that business cards were made up for the C.H.A.N.G.E. program.

**President's Report:**

Tim reported that two RAD students attended CGTI, along with students from Wilmington, but he has not yet spoken to them about their experiences. It was suggested that students be recruited for YAC from all three HS youth groups and those that have worked with the Health

Department's Reality IL initiative. Tim and Pete will meet later this week to set a yearlong schedule for RAD meetings.

Tim led a discussion about the Masonic Temple. Rich noted that his roofer (Sanchez Roofing) estimated the roof to be about 15 years old, and shared the estimate given and faults in the roof found by his roofer. The roof replacement estimate was \$16,275 for the main roof (with the 50 year warranty shingles) and an additional \$3,135 for the front porch roof replacement, and \$300 for gutters, for a total of \$19,710. The roofer included photos taken of nails popping and missing shingles along one of the dormers. Nick reported that Jim Hutton said that the HVAC estimate to install 4 80% efficiency units is \$20,000. With the purchase price of \$50,00, and just the roof and HVAC fixed, we are looking at a cost of \$92,000. There is still a lot of work that would have to be done to make the building usable, including a kitchen revamp, and repair of the ceiling upstairs. It was noted that building inspector stated that no second access would be needed to/from the upstairs. Pam disagreed with that, presuming that if the building was to be a public space, there should be a second way out. Handicapped accessibility was also a concern. Pete wondered whether the Masons really needed \$50,000 for the building, stating that in his conversations with Jim Hutton, it was indicated that they would like to cover lifetime dues for their remaining membership (68) and Mason's scholarship awards. Pete and Tim both voiced that they did not want the coalition to be in debt over this project. Everyone agreed. Tim noted that the Mayor had offered the coalition a building (a small house owned by the city) across the street from Rossi's field for the purchase price of \$1. It was agreed that that might serve as a temporary coalition office with space for counseling services, but not as a community building per se. Ideally, a lot of ½ to 1 acre would be ideal to build a pole barn type building to be used as a community center. Kits can be purchased for \$18,000 to \$35,000 depending on the size. Nick indicated that the Mayor would meet with the Zoning Board to find out what city lots may be available to put up a building. We have been told that Springfield is wanting a commitment letter for the building purchase. It was suggested that a Community meeting be held at the Masonic Temple to discuss the idea and determine whether the community would buy-in to the idea, and that the Masons be included in this meeting. This could probably be organized to occur in late September or early October.

**Vice President's Report:** Nick reported that the PD has been awarded a JAG grant for the CHANGE program for \$35,000, which includes a \$28,000 salary for a social worker/CADC (who would also be required to run Family Support Group meetings) and includes funding for PSA's. Because of their social work backgrounds, Pete and Sandy will be on the interview team with Nick.

For the first time in 5 years, National Night Out had to deal with rain. Before the evening was cancelled due to lightning about an hour into the event, 250 food tickets were given out.

Nick reported that Sarah still had a bill to pay for the golf outing, but he estimated the outing raised between \$6,400 and \$6,500 dollars for the coalition and HEAR US.

**Treasurer's Report:** Spreadsheets or checking account funds for July and August were reviewed, Sandy noted that \$53,000 was donated from Exelon's Fishing for a Cure and \$794 was raised from Summerfest Baby Contest registrations and split the pot raffle ticket sales.

Pam motioned to approve the Treasurer's Reports. Nick 2nd. Motion carries.

Sandy presented two bills that needed to be paid: \$869 to Steve Weber for the audit of coalition funds, and \$62 to the USPS for annual PO Box rental. Pam motioned to approve payments. Tim 2nd. Motion carries.

Sandy informed the board that the bank in which our funds are deposited has been bought out and accounts will be switched over to the new bank over Labor Day weekend.

**Secretary's Report:**

Pam reported that she had a phone conference with Linkpoint regarding the website and asked them to hold off on having the Donate Now button go live due to the change in banks and having to update our PayPal account to reflect the change. Pam shared the login and password supplied to her, asking that the board review the site to offer suggestions on anything that they would like to change or have added before approval is given for the site to go live.

The Will County Sheriff's Hidden in Plain Sight trailer, a mock up of a teen bedroom with indicators of risky behaviors included for parents and other adults over age 21 to explore has been completed. Pam asked Tim about having it displayed at RCHS and it was suggested that Pam attend the PAL meeting on September 13th to discuss including it as part of one of the quarterly Parent Nights, possibly in October.

**Adjournment:** Nick motioned to adjourn at 4:39 pm. Sandy 2nd. Motion carries.

Next Meeting TBD, due to Labor Day holiday on the 1st Monday in September.