



Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2016

Attendance: Pam Dell'Aquila, Sandy Fletcher (civic organization), Mark Kovar (law enforcement, other organization involved in reducing substance abuse), Veronica Kovar (other organization involved in reducing substance abuse), Amrita Raghuraman (other organization involved in reducing substance abuse), Shree Woods (other organization involved in reducing substance abuse), Betsy Cozzie (other organization involved in reducing substance abuse), Faith Anderson (youth), Tim Ricketts (schools)

Call to Order: 4:35 pm by President Sandy Fletcher, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Mark motioned to accept December minutes as submitted. Veronica 2nd. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy reported the checking account balance is \$620.36. The \$400 check to the IRS for the 501c3 application has not cleared the bank yet. Pam asked that Mark be reimbursed \$23 for the PRADA post office box, and turned in his receipt to Sandy, who issued him a check. The PD still has to reimburse us \$180 for the drug test kits that were purchased.

Updates and Reports

EYPC The students have changed the objectives to make parks in Braidwood tobacco free in light of the successful implementation of tobacco free parks and areas in Wilmington. The students are ready to find places to pass out surveys for community readiness. Pam suggested placing surveys at City Hall and the Braidwood Food Pantry. The survey will be available through Survey Monkey soon. Shree will email the link to Pam, who will post it on the coalition and Southern Will Parents facebook pages and on the coalition website.

Parent and Student Communication Campaigns New posters for the Parent Campaign will be going up around Braidwood, Wilmington, and Peotone within the next two weeks. Pam will update fb pages with the new posters. Chestnut is still waiting for the graphic artist to develop the "Stall Street Challenge" messages aspect of the Student Communication Campaign. Once submitted, they have to be approved by the state. Once that happens, the campaign will run until the end of the school year.

BASSET Instructor Training This discussion was put on hold due to today's absence of Chief Ficarello.

Middle School IYS Pete had asked Pam to stress the importance of having the Middle School on board as an IYS participating school. Tim indicated that there had been discussion about this, but that he was not sure of the decision. Tim messaged Principal Trager during the meeting, and he replied that they would be participating.

PRADA Social Media/Website Pam reported that Pete had told her that the coalition's grant budget did not include a line item to pay for a website/or additional page to the coalition website specifically for PRADA. PRADA info distribution will have to be through the PRADA facebook page and through the Southern Will Parents facebook page and website page under BAHCC's

website. The allowance for a separate website/webpage for PRADA could possibly be included in a future grant budget.

Hidden in Plain Sight Trailer Pam is working with the Will County Sheriff, who supported this project, on a proposal and budget to make this service delivery project a reality. The Sheriff's Office may have a trailer in its fleet that could serve this purpose.

Other Facebook Messages and Coalition emails received:

Pam was contacted through a facebook message from a local resident who is a member of a foundation based out of Chicago that offers NARCAN training about the possibility of providing this training and free NARCAN to local residents. This person mentioned that she is a close contact of Tim Ryan (A Man in Recovery Foundation). Members of the group have agreed to discuss NARCAN and their training program at our February 8th meeting.

Pete got an email from the parent of an 8th grader in our school district who was referred to the coalition by Noreen Brandle. She expressed her concerns (and included somewhat skewed statistics stating that 40% of the parents in her daughter's class are in jail or are known drug users) about kids in our area needing help in choosing a drug free path. She stated that she has dreams of opening a safe place for kids to come, hang out, feel safe, get a meal or snack, help with homework, get clean clothes, and have someone who cares about them. Her idea of a safe place brought to light the idea of forming a Big Brother/Big Sister type of group that was expressed by Faith in a recent breakout session. This parent has indicated that she will be at our March 14th meeting.

Upcoming Events

PRADA Meeting January 14th

All of our members were invited to attend the meeting at 6 pm at Peotone High School Media Center.

I8 Basketball Tournament at CCHS on January 23

Pete has confirmed with Paula Goodwin that the Grundy County NTF Hidden in Plain Sight trailer will be at the event. Tim asked about the possibility of it being there when Peotone and RCHS play at 5:30 and 7 pm.

National Drugs and Alcohol Facts Week January 25 - 31

Faith has pulled info (infographics and videos) from the NIDA website that will be posted and shown at RCHS. She noted that she would like to have a speaker at RCHS to tie up the week. Pam will try to get it arranged for Tim Ryan to be the speaker.

Melissa's Closet and Crystal's Jewelry Box March 5 at Godley Park District from 9a - 1p
Sandy reported that information about the event has been/will be posted on their facebook page and on Whitmore Ace Hardware's website.

Prom & Post Prom April 23, 2016

Tim reported that the Prom venue has been changed to a location in Indiana, just over the border off of I80/94. There was a scheduling conflict with Brunswick Zone in Bolingbrook for Post Prom activities, and the parents/students are trying to find another location, so Post Prom is on hold. They will meet again in February.

Break-out session was not convened.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, February 8, 2016, at 4:30 pm in the Braidwood Fire Station Training

Room