

Plainville Coalition for Positive Youth Development

Minutes of October 5, 2009 meeting

In attendance: Roberta Brown, Lynn Davis, Kelli Wallace, Karen Cox, Kim Crowley, Tom Roberts, Jill O'Brien, Donna Osuch, Matthew Guarino, Rev. Jim Caron, Evelyn Jacobs, Sally Miller, Chris Roy

Membership Update: Tom Roberts reported that he has made several contacts to area Chamber of Commerce businesses and expects to have several new members from the business community. Roberta has spoken to Sue Walbert from the Wheeler Clinic Prevention Unit. Sue is very interested in becoming a member of the Coalition hopes to attend the November meeting. Chris Roy has contacted Sheri Cole from the Boy Scouts.

1. **PHS Service Fair:** Roberta and Lynn attended the annual Plainville High School Community Service Fair on September 30. Lynn reported that 60 surveys were completed. Thirteen students signed up to be part of the lunch advisory group.
2. Roberta reported that twenty middle school students from the KIM program also indicated interest in being a part of a middle school advisory committee.
3. Meeting with John Zadnik - Roberta and Lynn met with John on October 1 to discuss ways of collaborating with the SALT students. Several possibilities for future initiatives were discussed. Donna Osuch mentioned that the United Way youth board wants to repeat the Leadership Forum that was held last year, and would like to coordinate with SALT.
4. **Financial Update:** Roberta reported that we have \$303.82 in our checking account.
5. **Norton Trust Fund grant - Roberta** and Lynn will meet to draft a proposal to submit.
6. **NELMS Award:** - Lynn reported that the school district's curriculum director Dr. Linda Van Wagenen has suggested that the Coalition might qualify for a NELMS parent and community group award for supporting middle school education and the development of young adolescents. Roberta and Lynn will explore this opportunity.

Subcommittee Planning:

Subcommittees met to continue strategic planning.

Community Education and Prevention:

- Jill O'Brien will serve as Co- Chair
- Jill distributed Prevention Guides to Dr. Theresa Szjada, a local pediatrician
- Matt Guarino distributed approximately 25 Prevention Guides to new families at the Middle School

- The summer puzzle contest will be extended to fifth grade student and families via distribution at October conferences. Matt will design a Q&A contest for students and parents to fill out after reading the guide.
- Potential programming was discussed; one idea is to collaborate with the Wheeler Regional YMCA for their Healthy Kids day, which typically serves 300 to 400 people.
- Discussion ensued about repeating a program on Internet safety

Community Connections for Kids:

- A letter to businesses soliciting their involvement with youth was finalized for distribution to selected local contacts
- Each committee member has chosen 2- 4 local businesses to follow-up with after the letter is sent out
- Plans continue for a needs assessment for parents and students in grades 4-10. The survey will be done on- line. David and Jim will meet to design survey questions.

The next meeting of the full Coalition will be on Monday, November 5, at 11:00 AM at the Youth Services/Recreation building.