

## **Plainville Coalition for Positive Youth Development**

Minutes of September 8, 2009 meeting

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

**Introductions:** The Coalition welcomed new members Jill O'Brien from Plainville Adult Education and Evelyn Jacobs who replaces Father Kapriel as our SAAC representative.

**Strategic Planning Update:** Roberta summarized that the primary outcomes of the planning workshop were that the three subcommittees were combined to form two new subcommittees: Opportunities and Connections for Kids Beyond the School Day, and Community Education and Prevention. A third area of focus was introduced: Membership, which will be an ongoing activity. Members discussed recruitment issues and targeted specific individuals to contact. During the strategic planning sessions facilitated by John Daviau, subcommittee goals and objectives were identified. The process will continue as subcommittees meet going forward.

**Membership:** Members were reminded to indicate their level of membership for the upcoming year if they had not already done so. (Leadership or Supporting member) Members chose the subcommittee that they will serve on for the upcoming year. Members reviewed their progress with contacting potential new Coalition members.

### **General Updates:**

- 1. Webmaster:** Lynn reported that a new high school student, David Benoit is serving as our webmaster for this school year. One focus will be to expand the information that is listed on our website, so members were asked to submit any ideas they have to Lynn and Roberta.
- 2. PHS Service Fair:** Roberta reported that the annual Plainville High School Community Service Fair will be held on September 30, from 8:45-11:30 AM. Roberta and Lynn will attend and welcome any Coalition members to attend also. Roberta and Lynn will create a simple survey for students to take which will indicate their interest in various activities. Students will also be invited to participate in the Coalition's Student Advisory Committee.
- 3. Student Advisory Committee:** We will resume our meetings with the Plainville High school students at lunchtime. Coalition members were encouraged to participate in these meetings.
- 4. Financial Update:** Roberta reported that we have \$303.82 in our checking account and that we have not applied for any funding in the last year.

5. **Summer Puzzle Contest:** Lynn reported that the Plainville Citizen printed our puzzle contest piece over the summer. Unfortunately, we did not receive any responses. A suggestion was made that the puzzle contest be re-launched by the elementary schools as a part of the booklet distribution to 5<sup>th</sup> graders.
  
6. **YMCA Childhood Obesity Grant** – Roberta provided an overview of the grant received by the Wheeler Regional YMCA. A core team of Plainville people will be working on this planning grant. The grant objectives are closely aligned with the Coalition’s goals and objectives. Discussion ensued about the Coalition’s level of involvement with the core team. It was decided that initially Roberta will keep the Coalition informed of the team’s progress.

**Subcommittee Planning:**

Subcommittees met to continue strategic planning. Each subcommittee identified activities and reported back to the full Coalition, however chairpersons for each subcommittee still need to be named.

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