

Plainville Coalition for Positive Youth Development

Minutes of December 7, 2009 meeting

In attendance: Roberta Brown, Lynn Davis, Kelli Wallace, Karen Cox, , Tom Roberts, Jill O'Brien, Rev. Jim Caron, Evelyn Jacobs, Chris Roy, Kim Crowley, Donna Cavallaro, Matthew Guarino, Jonathan Coe, Betty Boukus

1. The Coalition welcomed new member Jonathan Coe, Assistant Principal at Plainville High School.

Membership Update: Chris Roy reported that Steve Cole from Renaissance Cyclery is interested in becoming a member of the Coalition. Chris mentioned that Sheri Cole is not able to represent the Boy Scouts but Phil Bush from the Scout Council may be interested. Roberta and Lynn created an informational packet for new members. Tom Roberts asked that a packet be mailed to Peter Mossa from Ferguson Electric and Vince Bleu from G.E.

1. **Financial Update:** Roberta reported that we have \$279 in our checking account, and that we should be hearing about our application from the Norton Trust Fund soon.
2. **Personal Safety Programming** – Roberta, Lynn and Matthew attended a meeting of the school district's Personal Safety committee led by Maureen Schiffer. Paula Broderick from the YWCA provided an overview of the workshops and resources available for potential student and parent programs. It was suggested that students and parents receive the information separately and that the Coalition would collaborate on an evening presentation for parents to be held in the spring of 2010.
Evelyn Jacobs from SAAC noted that SAAC staff will be attending training for presenters on Maximizing Your Role as a Teen Influencer. SAAC will then sponsor four trainings in different communities.
3. **Youth Activity Guide** – Roberta reported that the Youth Activity Guide which was produced by the Coalition last year needs to be updated. Donna Cavallaro, Kim Crowley and Chris Roy agreed to review and update the document.
4. **Student Advisory Committees** - Roberta and Lynn distributed the minutes from both Middle and High school meetings. The students had been asked for ideas in two categories: prevention programming and fun events. Members reviewed the student ideas and made the following suggestions:
 - Evelyn discussed a mini- grant opportunity for students on prevention of Underage Drinking
 - Betty Boukus suggested arts night at the New Britain Museum of Art
 - Evelyn noted that the Connecticut Search and Rescue Organization is a resource for animal related presentations.

Discussion ensued regarding who would coordinate any of the events that had been suggested. The possibilities include the Coalition sponsoring an event together with the newly formed high school student advisory committee; or individual Coalition member organizations could sponsor an event along with the students. Donna Cavallaro suggested that the PHS Student Council collaborate with the new student group. Jonathan Coe offered to follow – up with both the Student Council and the Student Athlete Leadership Team (SALT).

Member Updates: Donna Cavallaro noted that Governor Rell’s new proposed cuts will have an impact on many organization’s budgets.