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**Parents Matter Coalition of Pierre/Ft. Pierre  
Avera St. Mary's Hospital  
5<sup>th</sup> floor conference room, Pierre, SD**

**Meeting Minutes**

February 12, 2014

**Opening**

The regular meeting of the Parents Matter Coalition of Pierre/Ft. Pierre was called to order at 12:00 on February 12, 2014 in Pierre, SD by Larry Weiss, Chairman.

**Present**

Cheri Rouse, (Guest) Ruby Douglas, (Project Director), Barb Rohrbach,(Parent/Secretary) Dawn Tassler, (Fiscal Officer) Tina Freeman, (Member)Larry Weiss(President/Chair).

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was unanimously approved. Motion to accept was made by Tina and seconded by Dawn.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

### **Open Issues**

Ruby discussed the 501 c 3 status and the application has been completed and sent in to the IRS. The IRS approval is still pending. A Dunn's and SAM's number has been assigned for Parents Matter.

Ruby gave an update on the “1000 Cups of Coffee” campaign. Packets were distributed to members with the toolkit to assist members while completing surveys. When surveys are completed then a coupon and a coffee cup sleeve will be given to participants. Carmella is distributing approximately 250 surveys today at the Ft. Pierre school while they are conducting Parent/Teacher conferences. When members collect their data it is to be given to Ruby. Cassidy, student representative, Pierre School district, will be doing the same thing at the high school during P/T conferences next week. Ruby will be talking to Troy Weibe, Middle School principal about distributing surveys this week at the middle school during P/T conferences. The legislators were given coffee cup sleeves on their desks during the legislative session. Ruby was given three “cool” large coffee cups from Sioux Falls as a reminder to the community that this campaign is being conducted.

Ruby requested that we continue to collect and submit all Dakota Mart receipts with the subtotal “tallied” for Cheryl, for the We Care program. For every \$10,000, Parents Matter will receive \$100.00.

Barb Rohrbach told the committee that the Policy and Procedure Handbook is coming along and a draft was given to the board members for edits and suggestions. This is a work in progress. Barb will send an email to the board members to email her their edits prior to March 12th. There will be a board meeting prior to the next Parents Matter meeting to discuss edits and finalize the handbook.

Funding update. Nothing new from the state. Ruby talked with Senator Monroe and he stated he wasn't aware of any proposed bill for prevention programming/funding. He will be looking into this and try to get prevention money statewide. She also stated SB 163, social hosting bill, passed one of the houses and is looking promising that this will be a misdemeanor. Kati Seymour is tracking legislation for Parents Matter.

### **New Business**

Fund raising opportunities were presented to the group. Cheri discussed the fund raising possibility with Pampered Chef. People can order right off of the website, with \$600 worth of sales, 15% can be given to Parents Matter. This can be scheduled within a certain time frame. Customers need to add \$6.75 for shipping and handling plus sales tax onto their orders. The check would be made out to PM.

Tina discussed the Silpada fund raising procedure. 30% of her commission is donated to PM. This too could be placed on Facebook to get a wider customer base. \$5.95 is added on to customers orders for warranty and shipping plus tax.

The committee felt we should proceed with both fundraisers.

Michelle Bowman suggested at the last board meeting to paint house numbers on curbs for a fundraiser. Larry will check with the City Commission on this procedure if the committee would choose to do this. It was mentioned that we could possibly get other organizations/agencies to recruit students to volunteer with this activity and share the proceeds.

Ruby is busy with the DFC grant. Barb will be editing this grant. Ruby has been working with Marcella Hurley on this as well. Ruby and Barb could be writing the Bush foundation to receive monies for a "bullying program". We are waiting to hear from Dan Martin, Supt of Stanley Co. to see if they want us to proceed with this. Melinda and Michelle (SE Prevention Resource Center, Sioux Falls) can provide Olweus Bullying Program training free but, monies are needed for materials and coordinating efforts.

The arrest report was distributed. It was noted that 14 arrests were for alcohol and 25 for drug arrests.

It was noted that the King of Hearts will be held February 16.

Ruby commented that there was a SAPT training to be held in April 2014. This has been switched to August. The webinar part will be scheduled in June/July. PRC and CADCA provide this training and credit/CEU's can be obtained for participants.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm by Larry Weiss. The next general meeting will be at March 12, 2014 at noon, in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, Avera St. Mary's Hospital.

Minutes submitted by: Barbara Rohrbach                      Approved by: Ruby L. Douglas

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