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Minutes Parents Matter Coalition
5th Floor Conference Room St Mary's Healthcare Center
November 9, 2011

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Weiss at 12:00 noon.

Members Present: Ruby Douglas, Elton Blemaster, Cindy Malsam, Norma Tibbs, Jan Johnson, Cheryl Arguello, Christine Klinger, Mallari Barnett, Jeri Thomas, Andrea Klein, Larry Weiss, Elaine Scott, via skype Michelle Majeres, and Melinda Olson.

Consent Calendar

Minutes from October 12, 2011 approved as sent.
Agenda approved as printed.

Elton introduced Christine and Mallari from the May, Adam, Gerdes & Thompson Law Office. They will be legal advisors for Parents Matter Coalition.

Norma Tibbs from Women of the Moose , talked about the Moose Kids Talks and the scholarships available to High School youth. There will be a Student Congress Meeting at the Fort Pierre Moose Lodge on Saturday, November 12, 2011 at 9:00 am. All interested youth must attend this meeting. Norma has been the representative for North and South Dakota Region for the past 12 years and each year has sent a student to National Competition. She has had one student who won the Nationals and received the \$12,000 scholarship. She would like to get the word out so more students will apply. They must give 3 Moose Kids Talk, on a topic of their choice. Norma would like to get the word out to more youth so there is better participation in this program.

Ruby has finished several of her CMCA one- on- one interviews and said they have been very well accepted. We must have these done by December 31,2011. The interviews should be done from different sections of the community.

Ruby stated that Saturday, the 19th at 1:00 PM, is the day to decorate the Parents Matter Coalition Christmas Tree for the Capitol display. Decorations are needed and help to decorate. Let Ruby know what you have that you will be willing to donate. The Christmas tree lighting is at 6:30 pm on November 22, 2011 and Angelica Arguello (5 year old daughter of Cheryl & Tito Arguello) will have the honor of lighting the tree.

John Beranek Program is tentatively scheduled for February 13, 2012. "Tell It To Me Straight", conversations on very sensitive issues. John's program is funded by DOE.

Jan from Indian Urban Health said they will be having a holiday dinner for all their clients on December 9, 2011 from 11:00 – 2:00 at their 4th Street Office. Parents Matter is invited to attend as it will be a good time to share with the attendees. Parents Matter agreed to donate \$100.00 toward the luncheon at Urban Indian Health. Parents Matter members will be on hand to talk to parents/individuals and gather their thoughts, feelings and perspectives about the underage drinking issue in our communities.

Pride Surveys have been ordered for the Pierre School for students in grades 6 thru 12 and is being completed by students, administration/staff and parents. Pride Survey provided a \$25.00 Walmart gift certificate to purchase pencils to use during the administration of the Pride Survey.

Larry reported there were 29 underage drinking arrests for October. 44 DUI arrests which equals 34% of all arrests. And 13 drug arrests. Not a real true picture because we don't know how many were not arrested

Next regularly scheduled meeting is December 14, 2011 – Noon – 5th Floor Conference Room- St. Mary's Healthcare Center.

Other Ruby reported that we received a \$50.00 gift certificate from Walmart to purchase Hot Chocolate and Candy Canes to give out at the Christmas Tree Display.

We are working to revise the News Letter.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Elaine Scott, Administrative Secretary