



Parents Matter Minutes
August 10, 2011
Noon, 5th Floor Conference Room
St. Mary's Healthcare Center

Members Present: Larry Wiess, Ruby Douglas, Capt. Elton Blemaster, Dawn Tassler, Shawnie Rechtenbaugh, Cara Fonder, Kellie Shuman, Elaine Scott, via Skype Michelle Majeres.

Minutes of last meeting approved.

Consent Calendar: Motion made and approved to accept.

Presentation: Capt. Blemaster stated we will never eliminate underage consumption but we must try to educate people. The community must get behind the fight to stop underage consumption because this is everyone in the community's problem. Capt. Blemaster said giving control to the businesses and having businesses trained by TAMS. There are two police officers trained in TAMS. When businesses see that a \$1500 scanner can save them from paying a fine of equal or more they see that it is not so expensive.

If all businesses do carding in the same way people just get used to it and they do not mind being carded.

95% of arrests for other crimes are connected to alcohol or drug abuse.

Ruby asked Capt Blemaster if he could schedule a meeting with businesses, he said he would do that, stay tuned for further information on this.

Capt. Blemaster gave a very informative presentation.

Larry suggested Teen Court youth get involved in the work plan.

Ruby said that we should have an Attorney on our board. Capt Blemaster said he would make contact and see if he could get this done.

Ruby handed out copies of the work plan and talked a little about parts of it.

Dennis Pfrimmer: no report on DFC Application.

Handed out water bottles from Suicide Prevention

Remember 25% of total arrests for alcohol are underage. We must educate the public!

Meeting adjourned.

Lunch served was served.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Scott, Administrative Assistant