



Parents Matter Coalition was called to order at 12:00 noon, October 12, 2011 by Chairman Larry Weiss.

Members and Guests present: Michelle Majeres, Ruby Douglas, Larry Weiss, Lori Jacobson, Becci Scott, Cindy Malsam, Elton Blemaster, Melinda Olson, Dawn Tassler and Elaine Scott.

Minutes: Approved the minutes of the Sept. 14, 2011 meeting and to accept.

Agenda: Approved the agenda.

Michele gave an overview of questions and ideas on doing the 100 CMCA interviews. Ruby handed out ideas of questions to be asked in the interview. The group picked out six questions from the list and Ruby will compile these. These questions are a guide in helping with the interviews. It was decided the interviews should be completed by March or February, 2012. Ruby will use the interviews to see exactly where we need to be focusing our energies. Discussion was held and it is felt this is a much needed activity for the Parents Matter Coalition to set goals.

Homecoming in Pierre/Fort Pierre: Ruby and Larry used the new sign Parents Matter had made to be used in parades and other events. They had youth from Riggs High hand out fun size Snickers candy bars and information. Becci Scott used the sign and handed out Snickers bars and information in the Stanley County parade. Snicker Bars and information was handed out at Project Connect also.

Elton Blemaster from the Pierre Police Dept. stated this was a very nice homecoming. There were no serious complaints reported. He said there was a rumor that tires had been slashed on cars at Riggs High School, but that was just that a rumor. Elton Blemaster said our youth are to be commended for having fun and staying safe.

Pride Survey: Ruby met with Riggs High Administration and Stanley County School Board to ask about doing the "Pride Survey" both schools are planning to do this sometime in the fall.

SPF-SIG: Elton is meeting with an attorney to talk about the "Social Hosting" strategy and discussion was that this would be done through an ordinance not legislation. Larry mentioned John Brown and Bob & Lindsey Riter as persons to talk to about this.

Reports:

Elton stated he did not know when he would get back to the training of bar owners everyone is so busy right now.

Elton is writing an article for the news letter for November focusing on the current laws/ordinances in regards to adults providing alcohol to youth.

Halloween at the Mall: Ruby has partnered with Dept of Highway Safety and Skyla and Rocky Nicholas to set up a booth in the Pierre Mall on October 20, 2011. Ruby sent around a sign-up sheet for helpers to distribute the Popcorn at the mall. The theme is “The Headless Horseman”

Becci Scott stated it would be good to have a table set up at activities in the schools where information could be handed out regarding who Parents Matter is and information on how to become involved. This would have to be approved by the schools.

Arrest Report – The September, 2011 Arrest Report was handed out. Larry explained that 1/3 of all arrests made are alcohol related

Other Items/Input? - Becci Scott and the Stanley County Booster Club provided Pizza for lunch. THANK YOU BECCI and BOOSTERS. If you or your group would like to provide lunch for the monthly Parents Matter Coalition Meeting let Ruby (224-3189) know. Parents Matter Coalition would like to THANK Merriman printing for printing the news letter.

Larry asked if a list of the 32 individuals that signed up in 2010 could be contacted to see if they may be interested in serving. Ruby has this list in her email addresses and will make contact to see if they are still interested.

Next Meeting November 9, 2011 – Noon – 5th Floor, St. Mary’s Healthcare Center.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by
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