

Youth Alcohol & Drug Project

STEERING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Monday May 11, 2009

4:00 pm Margaret Rivers Room Stillwater Public Library

Members attending: Paul Jennings, Ken McGinley, Pat Zanko, MJ Dunn, Kris Huntley, Becca Wilson, Chuck Ochacki, Mike Ptacek, Brian Mueller, Rose Hauge, Kate Flynn

1. Approve Agenda & Last Meeting's Minutes.....
Pat Zanko took April minutes and distributed copies to the group. An electronic copy will be emailed out to members this month. Minutes and agenda approved.
2. Sign-In & Welcome New Committee Members and Visitors.....
Members attending are noted above. We welcomed new attendees were Rose Hauge (H.S.I. Drug Free Communities Coordinator) and Brian Mueller (Sergeant, Wash.Cty.Sheriffs Ofc)
3. Publicity & Community Relations.....
 - A. Newspaper articles: With thanks to Bob Rupp of the Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Club, we noted recent articles appearing in the Stillwater Courier and the Stillwater Gazette since our last meeting on the Spring Bash and the parents support group. Paul, MJ and Becca gave a presentation to the Sunrise Rotary Club in April on what our committee is doing.
 - B. New club email address, message routing (reminder): Paul requested that members remember to send any emails to him regarding YADP to the club email box yadp@stillwatersunriserotary.org.
 - C. New logo and name change to Youth Alcohol & Drug *Project*: The committee discussed the proposal to change the committee's name to better reflect the nature of what we are doing and how we are organized. The change was approved by a voice vote. We next discussed Becca's idea that we come up with a logo to put on t-shirts and flyers for future committee sponsored events. Everyone thought that was a useful idea. It was suggested that we see if students could come up with some logo ideas in their art classes and Chuck will check into this and get back to the group. Otherwise we might be able to locate a local graphics business that would donate some services to us.
4. Financial Support/Budget.....
Paul mentioned that so far the group has spent about half of the \$10,000 made available to us this year by the Rotary Club. We will continue to try to spend the money available to us in a measured manner, understanding that our need for funds will probably accelerate within the next year. Ken made the comment that the Sunrise Rotary golf fund raiser will continue to fund YADP as well as a number of other charitable uses the Rotary has made commitments to. The next Sunrise Rotary moonlight golf fundraiser will be Saturday Sept. 12th and the YADP should work to help make the Rotary's event a successful one again this year.
5. Committee Development.....
 - A. Recruiting (including project teams): Our two new members have indicated that they will help our project teams, probably more likely team 4/5. Kris reported that the youth pastors she has regular contact with are excited about assisting team 2/3.

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B. Presentation: - Rose Hauge, Drug Free Communities Coordinator: Rose introduced herself as being from Brainerd and the Crow Wing county area and is still in the process of completing her move to Stillwater. She has been at H.S.I. now for about two months and is trying to learn the ropes of her job quickly. She is working closely with the CHAC group. She is impressed with our community and its many agencies and hopes she can be a useful part in avoiding "turfism" as she puts it. The pieces of the Drug Free Communities Grant she will be working on includes training, youth access, school curriculum and youth messaging. The committee asked her if she could help in getting help from CHAC and H.S.I., especially in our efforts to make the parents group successful. She said she would be glad to help do that with the caveat that there are certain limitations they operate under as far as providing "direct services". Rose is a knowledgeable professional and we look forward to working closely with her in her new capacity.

C. Future Scheduled Presentations:

June- Marna Canterbury, United Way Executive Director

Pending- Dave Langer, Sunrise Rotary STRIVE Program

Pending- Kari Erdman, Prevention Coordinator, Minnesota Institute of Public Health

Pending- 4-H After School Program (need contact person's name)

6. Project Planning.....

Project teams- monthly reports, discussion of worksheet projects under goal selections

A. Team 4/5.....parent support group (MJ Dunn, Team Leader)

MJ reported that the remaining parent support group meetings are all planned and set at this time. The next one is the 18th. We discussed about how the biggest challenge right now is getting the word out to parents and getting them to start attending. We have had some good press/publicity in the past couple weeks which we hope helps. We have discussed trying to broaden our marketing area for the group to neighboring communities. Both the sheriffs department (Brian Mueller) and the police department (Dave Kisch) have said they can help get parents hooked up with us. The consensus of the committee is that over the course of the summer we should re-examine the frequency and content of the support group meetings, and also engage a related agency to assist in coordinating the group. Group 4/5 will meet 6pm May 31st at the Methodist Church (Myrtle & Greeley) to approve the coordinator job description and support request so we can visit agencies that might be candidates. We will then call on H.S.I., Y.S.B., Lakeview, Family Means, churches and others to make our presentation. We will be looking for a new 4/5 team leader as MJ is stepping down from leadership, but will stay involved with our group. Thanks for the great help and getting us off to a good start MJ!

B. Team 2/3.....teen spring bash (Becca Wilson, Team Leader)

Becca reported that our Spring Bash at the Armory was a big success. About 60 kids attended and all had an excellent time. Things were well organized and food sales paid for itself. Feedback from parents was very positive and youth Pastors are excited about continuing their support of these types of events for kids. Over the summer this group will work on another event for middle school kids and possibly another for senior high kids this fall. Next team meeting is June 1st.

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C. Team 1.....advocacy (Paul Erickson, Team Leader)

Paul E was not in attendance but did provide a written report for Paul J to share with the committee. Don S has reported to the team that the school district has determined they have adequate funds to cover the CHPS position 2009-10, so that is great news. CHPS support focus has been shifted from the Jr. Highs to the ALCs (alternative learning) as the need is seen as being much higher there. They continue to collect intake data to assess CHPS effectiveness. Paul E reports he's been in touch with Rep Julie Bunn and Sen Kathy Saltzman.

7. Old Business
None discussed.

8. New Business.....

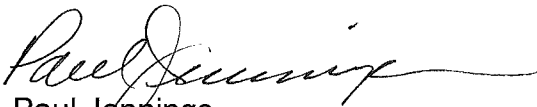
A. Approved reimbursement for Spring Bash expenses- Becca Wilson in the amount of \$1,215

9. Next Meeting Will Be: Monday June 8, 2009 (second Monday) at 4:00 pm

10. Adjourn.....

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Jennings
Chairman