

Coalition for Healthy Communities
General Meeting
Friday, March 6, 2009

Attendance:

John Ahlgrim, Kris Andersen, Liane Blanck, Paul Bouchard, Doug Carlson, Chris Clark, Pat DiPersio, Cheri Ditzig, Bob DiVirgilio, Art Fossland, Sandy Galgan, Dennis Guiser, Al Hill, Nann Hilyard, Rick Jones, Judy Mackey, Gina Mueller, Scott Murphy, Katie Nixon, Kathy Pierce, Chris Szymanski, Judy Van Swol, Rich Walker, Deb Will, Karen Windsor. Guest: Ernest Vasseur (Healthcare Foundation of Northern Lake County).

President Judy Mackey called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m. Each person introduced him/herself.

The minutes of the February 6 meeting were approved. Moved: Art Fossland. Seconded: Rich Walker.

Banquet. Judy urged everyone to get reservations in. The community support award will go to the superintendents of districts 1, 3, and 6 (=a perfect 10!) Someone suggested sending invitations to all school board members. Judy will see that that is done.

Next month's meeting will be THURSDAY, APRIL 2. This is to accommodate the CTCA hospital in Philadelphia. They are very interested in our coalition and want to see our meeting via videoconference. Thursday is the day the equipment is available. It was pointed out that that is our spring break week. If the date changes, everyone will be notified.

Drug Free Communities. They met last week to discuss requirements of SAMSA and the grant. The coalition can have other initiatives BUT one of the PRIMARY causes has to be drug abuse prevention.

Healthy Youth. The grant applications were submitted by the deadline! Training sessions are underway.

- Kick Butts Day. Marquees on Sheridan Rd. will have the "ZBs don't smoke" message. On March 25 from 10:30-1:00 there will be a carnival in the North Cafeteria courtyard.
- Smoke Free Parks. Healthy Youth will go to the Zion Park District board meeting to observe. They are designing a t-shirt to wear. Later on they will go to the WH and BP village boards.

Local ordinances. Kris Andersen said that draft ordinances are available to local municipalities about the Social Host Law (=anyone who sponsors an event where there is underage drinking is liable). She also reported about the effort to repeal the 21-y-o drinking age. It is supported by some college presidents.

A discussion ensued about the Coalition's role in endorsing or recommending action on policy issues. It is important for CHS members to be aware of issues and advocating for them. No conclusion was reached.

Planning Groups.

Publicity: Rick Jones said that the publicity DVD is underway.

Literacy. Bob DiVirgilio reported that District 3 (?) received a matching grant from the Rotary Foundation for an inschool literacy (tutoring) program.

ZB is Me. All are encouraged to use the message boards at www.zblisme.com to discuss and announce. Suggestion: link to ZBisMe from other websites (e.g. municipalities, library, park district, schools). The

City of Zion, the Villages of Winthrop Harbor and Beach Park, and Zion Township have all passed resolutions supporting lakefront development.

Guest: Ernest Vasseur directs the Healthcare Foundation of Northern Lake County, which resulted from the sales of the Waukegan hospitals. HFNLC's purposes are to improve access to healthcare by the underinsured and the underserved; to provide scholarships for Physician Assistants; to provide programs and screening with referral to primary care. Website: www.hfnlc.org

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m. The planning groups met from 8:50-9:10.

**Coalition for Healthy Communities
Board Meeting
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President Judy Mackey called the meeting to order.

Minutes approved. Moved by Paul Bouchard, seconded by Doug Carlson.

Paul reported that the audit has been completed.

Rick said that our request for funding to the Stephenson family should be written as a grant application. The chairs of each group need to get financial requests to Rick ***asap***.

Smoke free parks. Should the coalition endorse this? After discussion, it was moved that "The CHC support Healthy Youth in their efforts to create smoke free parks in Zion and Benton Townships." Moved by John Ahlgrim, seconded by Chris Clark. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Nann Blaine Hilyard
Secretary