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Monday, March 13, 2006
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Ed Bates, Wallace Brandies, Cheryl Carlson, JoAnn Carpenter, Evelyn Dalenheim-Russell, Judy Fried, Pat Garrity, Demar Harris, Cynthia Heidorn, David Husemoller, JoAnn Jakubowski, Adrienne Johnson, Bruce Johnson, Theresa Loerch, Alex Marx, Michelle Michaels, Liz Nelson, Del Para, Mary Penich, Dick Powers, Chief Raymond Rose, Rep. Kathy Ryg, Lisa Sheppard, Connie Willegal

Absent:

Jennifer Tempest-Bova, Barb Daudelin, Yvette Ewing, Roycealee Wood

I. Meeting called to order at 8:43 am

II. Minutes from January 10, 2006 Board of Directors meeting approved

III. Presentation on Mandated School Safety Laws by Ed Bates, Director of Project Pass – Lake County Regional Office of Education

- Information was provided about a new state mandate that requires schools to have an emergency and crisis response plan, including terrorism and bomb threats; unlike some other state mandates, there is money available for training of school personnel
- Private and parochial schools are included in the mandate as well as before and after school programs and bus drivers
- Sample kits with the emergency plans, administrative staff's cell phone numbers, staff and student rosters, building floor plans, etc. was also shown

IV. Old Business

A. Town hall meeting scheduled for April 11th

- A grant has been awarded to the coalition to hold a town hall meeting regarding underage drinking; the meeting will be held at Carmel Catholic High School from 6:30pm – 8:30pm with concurrent sessions in English and Spanish. The format will include a short program and then small group discussions where participants will have an opportunity to discuss top concerns regarding underage drinking in their communities and possible solutions. We will be video-taping the events and will bring them to the Governor's Alcohol Abuse Task Force to show them how committed Lake County is to curbing this problem. All members of the coalition are being asked to help promote this event with in their own organizations and communities as much as possible.

B. Committee Reports

1. Membership Report

- To date we have 15 organizational member and 73 total paid members
- A reminder will be sent out quarterly about membership

2. Strategic Planning

- A small representation of the committee met on 2/27/06 and discussed the formation of an Advisory Board. There was discussion of expanding the Advisory Board to include 20-30 members, who should be invited to be a member, and if members should represent a geographic area to keep a balance. The committee will take everyone's comments into consideration and develop a list of who will be initially invited and a letter will be drafted.

3. Assessment

- The website has been updated with the latest information.

4. Special Needs

- No report

5. Youth Advisory

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6. Ad/Hoc – Event –Theresa Loerch has been in contact with Senator Barack Obama's office inviting the Senator to be our keynote speaker at the next event; sometime in the spring while students are still attending school. To accommodate the Senator's schedule, we need to be flexible with our planning. It was suggested that we make the youth summit the next event. A sign-up sheet was passed around for those who are interested in being on the planning committee. Mary and Theresa nominated Bruce Johnson to be the chair of the committee and he agreed. Bruce will look into the availability of the Crowne Plaza and Liz will look into the Performing Arts Building at the College of Lake County.

C. National & Global Youth Service Day – Due to the resignation of Debra Trude-Suter from the YWCA and the need to fill her position, the agency has decided to not pursue this event.

V. New Business

A. Resignation of Debra Trude-Suter from the Board of Directors

B. Bylaws changes – Connie Willegal read the suggested changes regarding the addition of an advisory board of up to 15 members who are interested in the work of the coalition but unable to participate actively or attend meetings regularly, a vote was taken and unanimously approved

VI. Announcements

A. Pat Garrity showed a short video about the Reality 101 program, an interactive program simulating life's choices for young adults, and asked for volunteers for the event

on February 8th and May 10th at Waukegan High School. About 400 students will be participating in the events so anyone who can assist would be greatly appreciated.

VII. Meeting was adjourned at 9:47 am

- ◆ **Next Leadership Team meeting – Monday, February 6, 2006 at the Mundelein Police Department.**
- ◆ **Next Board of Directors meeting – Monday, March 13, 2006 at the Mundelein Police Department.**