



**Goodhue CHI Council
Meeting Minutes**

Date: 7/26/2010

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Healthy kids

Healthy families

Healthy communities

Attendees:

Name	Name	Name	Name
Amy Mansur	Lara Ramthun	Sharon Watson	Stacy Larson

The meeting was called to order by Stacy Larson.

Janet notified Stacy that she was unable to attend. Stacy will follow-up with Tris Danielson and Marla Simmons individually.

Key Discussion Items:

Council Positions/Election of Officers:

Stacy started off the key discussion items with the council position discussion and election of officers. Following are the key details:

Council Chair Position:

Stacy nominated Lara Ramthun for the Council Chair position. Amy made the motion to approve the nomination and Sharon seconded. Lara accepted the position and motion was approved.

Council Treasurer Position:

Stacy nominated Amy Mansur for the Council Treasurer position. Lara made the motion to approve the motion and the motion was seconded by Sharon. Amy accepted the position and the motion was approved.

Council Vice-Chair and Secretary Positions:

The council discussed these positions and it was decided to hold tight until fall for election of these positions. We are looking to increase the council membership so we will wait with these positions. It was noted that the current term will start in August and will run through July 2011. Stacy said that she would continue to hold the Secretary role until the election is done in September.

Goodhue CHI Council Funds:

Now that we have a Council Treasurer in place, we discussed the Goodhue Account. Currently, the account is being managed by the Goodhue County Accountant. Stacy presented an option to transfer the account to a local banking institution for local management of the account. Lara currently works for White Rock Bank in Goodhue. Amy made a motion to setup a local account and then transfers the funds. The motion was seconded by Sharon. All were in favor, motioned passed.

Stacy will gather the necessary information from Goodhue County in order for Amy to proceed with the creation of the account and then put her in contact with Mike Zorn to proceed with the transfer.

Upcoming Events:

Goodhue County Fair – 8/10 – 8/14:

The CHI will have a booth at the 2010 Goodhue County Fair. It was discussed previously that we would like to highlight a council each day along with a specific topic. We would like to have representatives from the local councils be present at the booth on their day. Tuesday, August 10th will be Goodhue CHI Council day so if you are available to attend and be at the booth, please let Stacy Larson know. The fair hours that day are from 6-10 since it is the first day and key traffic times at the fair are typically between 4-8. Lara offered to be at the booth from 7-8 and then Amy offered to be there from 6-8. Thank you both! Since we have the key times covered, we should be good. The tickets will be purchased in early August and then Stacy will arrange to get the tickets to the volunteers prior to the event.

Lara mentioned that the White Rock Bank of Goodhue is offering discounted ride passes for anyone that is interested. They are \$15 for 20 tickets.

Goodhue CHI Letter Distribution – National Night Out Event Feedback:

National night out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 3rd. After our last council meeting, Stacy had a discussion with Michelle at the police department regarding the event. City Council decided that they wanted the individual neighborhood block party format back this year, however, they have had very few individuals volunteer to host parties so it has not been real successful. They are not planning on handing out any information for the event nor to the hosts. She mentioned that maybe we could include our letter in with the gas bills; this is how they originally distributed the information. She said that last year they had a centralized gathering which worked well and she hopes to do this format next year. We discussed that we would like to have the CHI involved so she will definitely keep us in mind!

The council members discussed this event and mentioned that there hasn't been much communication on the event and the original posting came out in February. Stacy showed the group a copy of the letter that was created on behalf of the Red Wing Council that will be sent out in the Night to Unite/National Night Out packets. The letter includes information on the local council, CHI websites along with a teaser for the S.A.F.E. prescription drug disposal program. Stacy will create a draft letter and send it out to the council and then once it is finalized, we will get in touch with city hall to hopefully distribute in the gas bills.

K2 Discussion:

Stacy handed out copies of a letter regarding K2 for the group to discuss. The letter was created by Dakota County Law Enforcement and they are working with the schools to send the information out to parents. Stacy will attach the sample letter to the email when the minutes are sent out. The council discussed that this would be an opportunity for the Goodhue CHI council to partner with the schools to get the information out to parents throughout the Goodhue community.

Stacy mentioned that there are 11 states that are trying to pass a law to make K2 illegal, Kansas has already passed it. She also mentioned reading an article that the City of Duluth is trying to pass an ordinance to ban K2 from the city as they do not want to wait for the State of Minnesota to take action; they need to do something now.

Comments were made that the picture on the letter is very powerful. We need to get the word out as many have not heard of this substance. The group discussed that it would be good if we could include this information in the letter that we talked about doing previously and include in the gas bills. Stacy will draft a letter then send it out to the council for review. It was mentioned that Tia at the school has been great with including information out in school mailings.

School Event Opportunities:

The group discussed some of the upcoming school meetings where maybe CHI could participate or offer information at. It was mentioned that the Rules Meeting is coming up on Monday, August 9th. This meeting is not only for sports but also other activities such as the arts, band, etc. The purpose of the meeting is to go over the league and school rules and all students involved need to sign off on a form. We thought that this would be an ideal time for us to be present and give out information or at least have information available. It was also mentioned that the school has also offered a video for parents to watch in place of attending the meeting.

Stacy mentioned that the Goodhue County CHI is printing brochures regarding drugs/alcohol in connection with activities and sports which can be used for this event. She will get in contact with Tia to get the plans for that night and to see if we distribute information at this meeting.

Stacy mentioned if there are any other events that the group feels would be appropriate for us to participate in, feel free to send out an email to the group. Lara mentioned that 7th Grade Orientation is also coming up but we weren't sure when it is.

Stacy also asked about the sports programs and asked if they have advertisers donate to get their ad in the program. Sharon mentioned that they do not include any advertisements. An idea was that maybe there was an opportunity in the senior programs which are done up especially for the senior parents, however, we weren't sure if those programs included ad's. We can research this opportunity.

Open Discussion and CHI Projects

Recruitment of New Members:

- It was discussed that we have a good foundation for the council and talked about other members of the community that may be interested in participating. The council members were encouraged reach out to anyone that they think may be interested and encourage them to join. Stacy mentioned that we look for representatives in the various sectors from Faith, Parent, Law Enforcement, Youth, Education, Business, etc. Even if we could get a couple representatives to share the membership, that would be great. The group will consider possible individuals and reach out to them. We also discussed the letter that we plan to create and send. We hope that this will gain awareness and encourage people to participate.

Community Events Ideas:

- The group discussed possible options for the CHI group to partner and/or participate in community events. Below are some of the options discussed:
 - Sharon mentioned that her church is planning a camp out. This would be an option for the Goodhue CHI Council to help the church with the event and then also offer age appropriate information!
 - Stacy mentioned supporting some of the local youth groups such as the FCCLA or other youth groups in their events.
 - Amy mentioned that her church is starting a youth group and plans for future events. Again, this would be a great way for us to participate and support the local faith and community groups in their events and efforts.
 - Lara mentioned that her church is planning a "Celebrating Recovery" program. She said that they have the materials and are looking for the instructors. She also mentioned that the program provides support for all forms of addictions, not just alcohol and drugs. Stacy said that it would be great to participate in some way with this program. We have tons of local data and information that could be shared.



Stacy shared a copy of the “Initiative Having Positive Impact” article that was published in the Red Wing Republican Eagle and the Zumbrota Record Review. The article was written by an individual from Rochester who attended the Zumbrota Covered Bridge Parade. It was great to have someone outside recognize the CHI efforts and also promote our websites which have great resources and reference for parents!

Meeting Wrap-Up

- Meeting was adjourned by Stacy Larson.
- Next meeting is scheduled for Monday August 23, 2010 at 7:00 at St. Luke Church in the meeting room.