



**Kenyon-Wanamingo CHI Council
Meeting Minutes**

Date: 2/24/2010

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Healthy kids

Healthy families

Healthy communities

Attendees:

Name	Sector/ Organization	Name	Sector/ Organization	Name	Sector/ Organization
Dan Rechtzigel	Goodhue County & KW School	Jeff Evert	Education, School Superintendent	Kris Kincaid	Community Education
Lee Sjolander	Law Enforcement	Missy Sviggum	Parent Representative	Nancy Benrud	Business – Security State Bank of Wanamingo
John Simonson	Mayor of Wanamingo	Stacy Larson	Coordinator/ Project Manager, CHI	Deb Delva	Visitor

The meeting was called to order by Dan Rechtzigel. Agenda was reviewed. Stacy proposed a change to the agenda to include the addition of the local Sweetheart Dance discussion. Lee motioned to approve and was seconded by Nancy. Motioned approved.

Key Agenda and Discussion Items:

Nomination of Treasurer and Financial Account Discussion

Dan brought up the election of our council Treasurer and the option of local management of the CHI financial account. Kris nominated Nancy Benrud for the Treasurer position. This motioned was seconded by John. Motioned was approved by all present. We want to congratulate Nancy on her newly appointed position!

The council then discussed the options of going through the county and having them manage the funds or open up a local account which would be managed by the treasurer. Jeff motioned to open an account at the Security State Bank of Wanamingo and manage the account locally. This motion was seconded by Lee. Motioned was approved by all.

Stacy will talk to Mike Zorn, who is our CHI Accountant, to find out what the process is for transferring the account. Nancy mentioned that the bank would need a Tax ID # and organization approval to setup the account. At this time, the balance is \$3,000.

Council Membership

Dan welcomed John Simonson as a new council member. John is the Mayor of Wanamingo. Welcome John!

Sweetheart Dance – Community Ed

Kris presented an opportunity for the local CHI Council to co-sponsor the first annual Sweetheart Dance which is similar in format to the Daddy/Daughter Dances that have been very successful for other organizations. Below is the description from the flyer:

Girls, bring your Dad, Grandpa or another special person to this extraordinary evening that you will both cherish forever. A popular DJ will play all of the latest songs and refreshments will be served. Photos will be taken by High School students from Matt Addington's Digital Photography class. This keepsake photo will be mailed to participants by May 22. Photos will be paid for separately that night, \$3 for 1 or \$5 for 2, 4x6 photos. Girls from age 1 year through grade 6 are invited to attend. All girls must be accompanied by an adult. If there is more than one girl attending with their Dad, Grandpa or another special person, register the additional girl as an individual. All participants must pre-register by April 30. Dress is semi-formal.

She said they have partnered with the local cheerleaders, ECFE and other councils for support on this event. This would be a way for the local CHI organization to show support, as well as, an opportunity to get the awareness regarding our organization out in the community. Stacy mentioned that it is important to the CHI that these events have a long term strategy so that it becomes a regular event within the community. Kris stated that they are planning this as an annual event, with the addition of a Mother/Son event in the fall so there will actually end up being two events per year. Details are as follows:

- ✚ **Date:** Saturday, May 8, 2010
- ✚ **Time:** 5:30 – 7:30
- ✚ **Location:** Kenyon-Wanamingo High School Commons
- ✚ **Cost:** \$15 per couple (\$8 per extra child) before April 23/\$20 per couple (\$13 per extra child) after April 23.
- ✚ **Target Audience:** Ages 1 year through Grade 6

Kris passed out a budget breakdown worksheet which details out the costs along with estimated profit depending on attendance. Lee motioned to co-sponsor the event with a participation donation of \$250. Jeff seconded the motion. The motioned was approved by all members of the council to proceed.

Town Hall Meeting Discussion

Stacy presented a funding opportunity that would allow for a \$500 allowance for any group that decides to hold a Town Hall Meeting for their community. Stacy handed out information on the purpose and benefits of the Town Hall Meetings, in addition to, the proposed implementation plan and timeline for the meeting. It was asked as to what the timeframe was for us to hold the meeting after receiving the allowance. Stacy noticed in the documentation that the proposed Town Hall Meeting schedule is during the week of March 22, which is a very short timeline in order to put this together, however, she will check to see if there is any flexibility in the schedule. This will need to be discussed. Dan mentioned that it would be ideal to hold it either before summer starts or after summer, since the summer months are very hectic for people and is prime season for community members to take vacations. Lee brought up some ideas for presentations and information that could be communicated during this meeting. It was discussed that this could be a great educational opportunity! Following are some of the suggestions:

- Local Statistics
- Highlight of local issues
- Things that parents/community members/youth connected individuals should look for. (Examples of drug related paraphernalia, examples of drugs themselves and explanation of current abuse terms such as skittling, etc.)

- PBT's/Results
- Local Ordinances (Social Host & Seller/Server)
- Costs: (Financial impacts of drug and alcohol abuse. Family/Community/Court System/Treatment = Snowballs!)

Deb, who was a visitor to our meeting, mentioned that she felt that everyone knows that drugs and alcohol are issues and that the money would be better spent on doing things such as creating a skate park for the youth of our community. Missy and Stacy clarified that this is a funding opportunity solely for the purpose of conducting a Town Hall Meeting and cannot be used for anything besides this purpose. Missy also mentioned that yes, people have a general idea of the issues, however, until you see the local statistics that prove what is happening with the youth in our community it brings more urgency to the issue.

Lee motioned to proceed with the Town Hall Meeting. Seconded by Missy. Motioned was approved by all. Stacy will pursue the funding and will research what will need to be done.

Local Statistics

Lee presented some local violation statistics to the group. Following are highlights from Jan – Dec 2009:

Curfew Violations Cited: 5	Minor Consumption: 15	Drugs & Related Violations: 15
Tobacco Violations: 6	Welfare Checks: 19	Child Endangerment (Alcohol): 4

Upcoming School/Community Events - Open Discussion

The council members discussed several ideas that would allow the local CHI group to get out into the community, create awareness and also participate in events that would encourage community involvement:

- Musical Concerts – Kenyon Park & Rec plan concerts in the park which we could participate in.
- Movie Night/Activity Night. Last year, Community Ed hosted a movie night at the baseball park. They had kickball games going and the pool was open for the kids to go swimming.
- National Night Out which is typically scheduled for the last weekend in August. Lee talked about the Kenyon community and they have typically hosted it down town instead of doing the block party format so that it is more of a community event. The Police host it by the Fire Hall and show the fire trucks, police cars, have giveaways and do activities such as fingerprinting the kids, etc. This allows the community members to get acquainted with each other and also increases relationships between the Policeman and youth. Dan mentioned that the CHI could help provide/serve the food/beverages. We could have a table with information, banners, etc. to increase awareness of the local CHI group. Another option for location would be Depot Park where there could be activities for the youth such as swimming. Frisbees would be an option to hand out to the kids, Stacy was going to check with Bucky to see how many CF has left to see if this is something that this group could use/purchase.

Kris mentioned that Northfield gives out block party kits which is an idea that the CHI group could put together and Community Ed would help hand out.

Dan asked the council if we would want to commit to participating. Missy stated that we would need to be in both communities, Wanamingo and Kenyon. Everyone thought it was a great idea; more discussion will be conducted at next month's meeting.

- Kenyon's Rose Fest
 - Wanamingo 4th of July Parade
 - Pizza/Game Day example: Olympic Challenge. This would be a thought for the middle school kids. They mentioned having activities in the gym area such as a bean bag toss, etc. and then a movie going in another location such as the media center.
 - Lee receives materials from the National Child Safety Council which could be used for education/parenting classes/reference, etc. He has several forms and age appropriate information for all ages. He also has coloring books on hand.
 - Lee mentioned that the National Child Safety Council has a mascot uniform called Safety Pup which he has considered for future purchase to use for the community and education purposes.
 - Dirk Niles is willing to do an article on the local CHI group. Possibly do an article in the News Record and Kenyon Leader.
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Meeting Wrap-Up

- Nancy motioned to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Jeff. Motion was passed.
- **Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.**
Location: Kenyon-Wanamingo High School in Kenyon