



Red Wing CHI Council Meeting Minutes

Healthy kids

Healthy families

Date: 3/10/2010

Time: 1:30 p

Healthy communities

Attendees:	Tim Sletten	Stacy Larson	Dave Borgen	Pam Horlitz	Rhonda Van Schoonhoven
	Evan Goff	Matt Trainer			
Students:	Abe Rohan	Jared Nelson	Drew Huot	Erik Lewis	Bryanna Wittman

The meeting was called to order by Dave. Introductions were conducted of each member present. Previous meeting minutes and agenda were approved.

Key Discussion Items:

Prom

The main focus of this meeting was to discuss the upcoming prom which is scheduled for April 17th. Dave invited several students to attend our meeting to discuss. Key student leaders from various student groups were in attendance. Abe Rohan (senior) is the Homecoming King, Jared Nelson (senior) and Bryanna Wittman (junior) are representatives from the FFA group, Eric Lewis (senior) is the president of the student council and **Drew Huot (senior) is a representative from the ??? group.**

The plan for prom is that the Grand March will start at 5:00 at the Red Wing High School. The students will then go to Mississippi National after the Grand March for the Dinner and Dance. The CHI volunteers will be ready with the PBT's at 6:00pm. Elise Hammer, Dave Borgen, Pam Horlitz and Evan Goff will all be at Mississippi National.

Dave asked the students if there are any concerns from their standpoint regarding the change in format of prom this year. Abe mentioned that there is a slight concern with having the dinner/dance in the same place since they are used to picking their place to eat, etc. He said that most are excited for the event. Eric said that he thought everyone would go to all of the evening's events since they are paying the \$45 for everything.

Dave also asked if there are different activities that they would want to see available at Mississippi National or if there are certain things that the CHI could do to encourage full attendance. Eric mentioned that the larger prizes such as Blue Ray players/Xbox, etc. would be a draw, more so than the smaller prizes where the kids don't mind missing out on. Also if the process in which the prizes were given out was more organized. Last year it was unorganized and took about 10 – 15 minutes overall, kids were bored. Tim mentioned maybe we could come up with suggestions for ways to distribute the prizes that would be exciting, possibly doing a creative activity with the prizes. Also, it was mentioned that it would be great to have a few larger prizes and the individuals can put their names in for the ones that they are interested in. Eric mentioned that it has to be advertised that you must be present to win.

Pam made a motion for the CHI to donate \$300 towards prizes for the prom. Tim seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed. Dave will submit a request for the \$300 check. The money will be given to the prom committee to put towards the prizes as they see fit.

Tim mentioned an idea to approach local retailers such as Wal-Mart and Target to ask if they would be willing to do a match to what we donate. Eric mentioned it would be great to approach Prairie Island as

they do other types of matches. It was recommended that this would be better received if it were to come from the Prom Committee members.

Tim mentioned that in most schools it seems like prom is a big deal, but in Red Wing it is not. Evan said that this year it has been more of a switch where the dances have had much better attendance. Pam encouraged the kids present to provide us (the CHI) with feedback on things they would like to see or if they come up with ideas on how the CHI could help support the event.

Tim mentioned that in other events, they had WII stations set up in the lower level of Mississippi National and it was a hit with the kids. This is an option that may keep the kids engaged and help with the excitement for the evening.

Tim asked if the students are aware of the change in format. The students said yes, it has been communicated. A couple of the students stated that they have attended prom at Goodhue where this format has been in place and it seemed to be successful.

Cards and letters: Pam provided the group with an overview of the cards and letters that were created in preparation for prom. It is planned to give out a letter, several cards along with a "Make a Ripple" sign for each retailer. It was decided not to give these out to the local restaurants since the attendees will be eating dinner at Mississippi National. Pam will take care of Josephson's and Hallstrom's since they usually need a high quantity. Pam sent around a list of retailers where they would like to distribute the cards and each council member could mark who they will take and then the letters, business cards and signs were also distributed. Distribution can start anytime next week. Pam will also take care of sending a letter to the editor.

Year End Dance – Scheduled for Friday, May 28

This group is usually sponsored by the Target group and since the Target group is not established at this time, it was suggested by Dave that the CHI group sponsor this event. This event is the last blast of the year. In previous events, they conducted the event outdoors where they had various activities such as a dunk tank, jump stations, music and various activities. Evan asked how the attendance was in past years, both Matt and Dave said that the attendance was good and the event was well received by the students. Eric mentioned that the SORE group was told that they could have the last dance space so Dave will check with them to see. Maybe the CHI group could co-sponsor the event with them. Once this is ironed out, they will get it on the school schedule. Tim mentioned that there should be a back-up plan in the event of bad weather. It was discussed that the gym could be an alternative; however, we need to be cautious about the floor. More discussion will need to take place on this, all present were in favor of participating.

Sharing

Graduation Planning. The council reviewed the graduation letter and decided that there were no changes necessary. Evan and Tim brought up a suggestion of adding a statement regarding the local Social Host ordinance in the letter. Tim will draft a statement and send it to Pam for revision. Once it is revised, Dave will proceed in getting the letters done. It was said that there will be around 193 graduating this year so we should plan on 200 letters. Tim will get the envelopes with the Police Department return address. Dave will get the labels completed. Pam mentioned that it would be good if we could get the actual letter in the paper.

Sharing/Open Discussion. Dave asked the group how the atmosphere has been in the school this year. Evan said that it has been a good year with a more positive atmosphere. Abe said that it has been good in comparison to other years. Dave asked what the kids do in their spare time. Abe said that he has Hockey 6 days a week which keeps him very busy. Bryanna said that many of the kids have jobs. Tim

invited the students to attend all of the CHI Council meetings and to let us know if there is anything the CHI group can help with events, activities, etc. We value their feedback!

Tobacco Diversion Program. Tim announced that the program went live on February 19th and is active. Stacy handed out copies of the form. Tim will be talking about the program at the Chiefs meeting next week and stressed to the group and school employees the importance of the program and holding the kids accountable for their actions. Matt asked about the process for referral. He said that he works closely with the kids and is cautious about their relationship when it comes to referrals vs. reporting. It was mentioned that school attendance is mandatory so if a kid is caught with Tobacco it is acceptable to turn them over to the police as a violator. There is a general concern with relationships and reporting violators vs. referrals in areas of healthcare and/or within the faith sector. Pam mentioned that she had a conversation with a nurse regarding this program since there was question as to how the process worked when a minor admits to using during a doctor's visit screening. This is a similar circumstance as to Matt's point if a kid is talking to him as a youth faith leader; there is a concern as to how it is handled so that the relationship is not damaged. This is understandable since the participation in some areas is volunteer; there is a relationship that needs to be maintained. Tim stressed the importance of when a minor is caught with tobacco; they need to be reported to the police department. If a kid admits that they smoke/uses tobacco without being caught, that is when they should be referred. There is a \$100 cost if there is a violation, no cost if it is a referral. Need to enforce violators.

Compliance Checks Violations/CHI Opportunities. Stacy mentioned that one of the establishments that failed the compliance checks wrote a letter to Joanne and Tim in response to the compliance violation letter. The owner of Liberty's stated that he sees the importance of the on-line training but was interested in supplemental sessions for him and/or employees. Stacy mentioned that this maybe something the local council could get involved in offering an informational session, training, etc. Tim brought up the thought of conducting an annual meeting, inviting all the owners/employees of liquor establishments in the city to participate. Following are some thoughts for the session:

- 🕒 Seller/Server ordinance and training overview
- 🕒 General CHI Coalition Information
- 🕒 Local statistics from CHI and the local police department
- 🕒 Open forum – feedback from the participants.

The open forum would give us an opportunity to get feedback from the establishments and to discuss how the CHI could help support them. Tim brought up a concern that the local council is not familiar with the laws, etc. so the training should be left with the State Department since they are willing to send trainers in to do personal trainings. Pam said that she would be in support of individuals from the council going to the establishments, if they are interested, and giving a presentation about the CHI.

We discussed possible timeframes. The sooner, the better. We discussed May being a good timeframe since it would be before the summer season and key holidays such as Memorial Day, 4th of July, etc. The other option would be September which would be before Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years.

It was decided that Stacy would reach out to Doug at Liberty's and set up a meeting with Doug, Stacy, Dave and Tim. It would also be mentioned that Doug could invite other establishment owners/managers to the meeting. The goal of this meeting would be to get feedback from Doug on what he would like to see occur and to also ask for convenient timeframes in which to hold the session,

Meeting Wrap-Up

- Next meeting is scheduled for Wed. April 14, 2010 at 1:30 at the Red Wing High School.