

CHI – Red Wing Council Meeting  
November 9, 2011  
Red Wing High School

Members present: Tom Rikkli, Lars Lidahl, Matt Trainer, Jo Seton, Tim Sletten, Dave Borgen, Kris Blaney, Stacy Larson, Kjurstin Langer, Susan McCammon, Evan Gough

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kris Blaney. Stacy asked about the glow bracelets bought by Pam Horlitz for the Trunk of Treat event. We will check with Pam to make sure she gets reimbursed. The group discussed possibly getting our own checking account. Currently Goodhue County holds our funds. Goodhue County CHI is still OK with our current system but things may change as the county reorganizes. Red Wing is the only local council without their own account. Lars Lidahl requested checking into getting a sub account for youth activities that would be easily accessible. No action was taken at this time.

Dave Borgen reported there was a great turnout at the Halloween Trunk or Treat event in downtown Red Wing again this year. CHI provided informational flyers in the adult bags as well as the glow bracelets for kids. The Elks Club helped distribute the bracelets.

Susan McCammon and Dave Borgen worked on pulling together the CHI scholarship for Red Wing High School. The group made some suggestions to clean up the descriptions. The scholarship will be for \$500. Jo Seton will work on improving our mission statement which will be included in the scholarship information. Dave will finalize the form with the changes and turn it in the high school.

Sustainability of the scholarship fund was discussed. It was decided to host a dance for 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders at the RWHS on Friday, Dec 9 from 7 – 10 pm. Cost for the dance will be \$6 per student or \$5 if the student brings a food shelf donation. Student Council will take care of posters to publicize the dance. The following people volunteered to help chaperone: Dave Borgen, Kjursten Langer, and Jo Seton.

Lars and Matt presented their ideas to build up student groups and student interest in CHI. Lars envisioned starting with low or even no cost events that would be spontaneous. He envisioned personal invitations from students for events like Friday Fun Nights, lock-ins, ultimate Frisbee, etc. These groups would not be sanctioned officially by CHI but these small groups could be used to help plan larger, official events. These small events would be the foundation to get kids involved with CHI – RW. Tim Sletten suggested focusing on middle-school aged kids. Matt would help lead and the program with student involvement.

The group asked if there would be any momentum to get a group like SADD or Target started again at the RWHS? Red Wing is the only local group without a student group. It was felt we should talk more to the school staff about the feasibility. The Target group ended when staff was lost at the school. Kjursten offered to check to see if Youth Outreach would be able to undertake the leadership of a student group.

Tim Sletten reported on the Drug Paraphernalia ordinance introduced at the Red Wing City Council meeting. The ordinance would ban the sale of drug paraphernalia in the city. Jo Seton attended to represent CHI and spoke in favor of the ordinance at the public hearing session. Tim was disappointed that the City Council did not back the ordinance. There were representatives from the Smoke Shop who voiced their opposition. Tim feels it will eventually pass but it may take more work. There may also be a state ordinance introduced at the next legislative session that would ban the sale in the state.

Stacy asked if we wanted to do an ad reminding folks about the use of alcohol during the holidays. It was felt that maybe we could partner with other councils and split the costs. Stacy will do more checking on other options.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Borgen