



## Red Wing CHI Council Meeting Minutes

*Healthy kids*

*Healthy families*

Date: 5/11/2011

Time: 1:30 p.m.

*Healthy communities*

**Attended by: Jo Seton, Kjurstin Langer, Tom Rikli, Stacy Larson, Tim Sletten, Evan Gough, Lars Lindahl, Matt Traynor**

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### **1. Prom activities Review (April 30<sup>th</sup>)**

The CHI and local Law Enforcement sponsored breathalyzers at the prom. There were 4 stations setup at the door. Per Tom and Evan, there were no issues and the event went very well. Lars mentioned that there were around 180 couples, more than last year.

The after prom- all night gathering option at the local movie theater was discussed. This year many students had plans for after the prom, in addition to, many parent sponsored parties so the interest in the activity was very low. It was discussed that this would probably be the case for next year as well. Lars mentioned that if we made it more of a mandatory-school sponsored activity such as some other schools do, that may be the only way to get it to work. Plus we would need to inform the students far in advance.

Tom mentioned that the movie theater owner was willing to hold the event in the future so the council discussed other opportunities for sponsoring this event, possibly in the fall which would be a nice way to promote a chemical free activity early in the year.

### **2. Year End Dance**

Due to scheduling issues at the school, we could not find a time to host the dance so it will not happen this year. Per Evan, they are planning a middle school dance at the high school on June 2<sup>nd</sup> which will be sponsored by the Student Council. Lars will keep Kjurstin posted as to the details of the dance and then Kjurstin will send out a request to the council members to see if anyone is available to help chaperone.

There was discussion around the outside dance format that occurred last year. This format may be a format of the past as it is hard to control and there is concern about the noise complaints.

### **3. Graduation**

In years past, the council has sent out postcards to the parents of graduating seniors and we discussed doing this again this year. Stacy brought up the option of submitting an ad to the Republican Eagle and provided the group with options. The attendees voted on this and decided to go with submitting an ad to the paper and selection option #2 on the examples. This option was a message to the parents and guardians of students encouraging them to celebrate chemical free. Tom made a motion to fund up to \$180 for the ad. The motion was seconded by Matt. All in favor, motion passed.

We also discussed that it would be great to get a parent to submit a letter to the editor encouraging chemical free celebrations.

### **4. Scholarship Fund for Next Year**

The group discussed the option of setting up a scholarship for next year. We talked a bit about the student group and the TARGET group that existed previously at the school. It was stated that we could establish the scholarship which the students that participated in the local CHI effort and promoting chemical health in the school and community would be eligible. The students would need to submit a

short essay or list of activities that they have been involved with to qualify. The CHI Council would then review the applicants and select the winner. Stacy mentioned that the scholarship should be associated with an event that will occur on an annual basis to raise funds for the scholarship so that it is sustainable. It would also promote or encourage student participation in the local CHI effort. More discussion will occur at future meetings.

## **5. Sharing**

Stacy mentioned the upcoming events and they are as follows:

- Girls on the Run 5k Event: Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 8 am. She asked if the group knew anyone who would be willing to be Howie and Howie's handler. If you do know of anyone, please contact Stacy as soon as possible.
- The annual River City Days Parade will be Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 1:00 so we will need to plan more for the event at the upcoming meetings. Tom asked if we were going to participate at the Loud & Local event again this year. We will investigate as we hope to participate again this year.

Stacy provided the group with an update on the ordinances. Last week, on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Goodhue County Board passed the Mandatory Alcohol Seller/Server and Social Host Ordinances. In April, Kenyon passed the Mandatory Alcohol Seller/Server Ordinance so now they have both. Tonight, the Goodhue City Council will be voting as well. Stacy is in the process of meeting with the Cannon Falls Liquor Licensees and hope to bring it forward to the Cannon Falls City Council hopefully sometime in June. They will also be starting the process in Zumbrota as well.

Stacy also updated the group on the current account balance which is at \$797.08.

## **6. Meeting Adjourned 3:00 pm**

**Next meeting: June 8 , 1:30 PM at RWHS**