

Minutes
Chardon Community Action Team Meeting
February 16th, 2010

Attendance

Blake Rear	Janis McLaughlin	Jeff Campbell
CoCo Griffis	Thalia Hutter	Lynn Kempf

Approval of January 19 minutes – CoCo Griffis moved and Blake Rear seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – There is \$5,613.14 in the checking account. Lynn Kempf moved and Janis McLaughlin seconded approval of the Treasurer's report and the motion passed.

Report of the meeting with Chardon Principals – Tim Keheres, CoCo Griffis and Jen Roberts met with Steve Kofo, Chardon Middle School Principal and Andy Fetchick, Chardon High School Principal. CoCo reported that the meeting was very positive. Andy Fetchick, consult with the advisors of the Senior Mentors, ways in which CCAT can support the program. A similar program, with eighth graders mentoring sixth graders, is being explored at Chardon Middle School. Jen Roberts will check out dates and cost of bringing John Morello with his DIRT presentation back to Chardon. The minutes from that meeting are included as an addendum.

Jeff Campbell asked about connecting CCAT with Chardon Schools PTO's. Blake will speak to Superintendent Bergant who did mention CCAT at his last PTO Council meeting.

Alternative Activity Survey – Jeff shared a draft survey. CCAT members gave him suggestions for changes. Janis recommended that the survey be reviewed by some students before it is uploaded into Survey Monkey.

Maple Festival Parking – The Geauga Lyric Theater and CCAT will jointly park cars April 22, 23, and 24. The profit will be split equally. Janis will create a thank you hand out from CCAT. Lynn said that TI members would be asked to help.

Youth Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show – The Automotive Repair instructor at Auburn Career Center has requested a 15-minute presentation to his class. Blake will be doing the presentation. Blake will also present the car, truck and motorcycle idea to the Auburn's administration. The support of the Administration is essential before further planning. CCAT will provide adult supervision, trophies, a DJ and plan the event with the students. Blake recommended that the Show be held in the fall. Janis suggested talking with the Culinary Arts department about providing food at the Show.

CCAT Website – Jeff continues to add information on the website. Our site is posted on the school and City sites. Jeff is trying to have it listed on the Munson and Hambden Townships websites.

Parent Who Host Lose the Most – Janis discussed the plans for promoting this parent-oriented campaign. The Lake-Geauga Recovery Centers received a \$2000 Parent Who Host Lose the Most grant from the Drug Free Action Alliance. Lake-Geauga Centers and Crossroads are collaborating on the campaign. Janis has written a 13 - week educational component airing on GTV. There are plans to have six churches in each county participate in a Mother's Day Promise the weekend before Mother's Day May 8th. CoCo said that Chardon's prom is Mother's Day weekend. Both counties will hold Alcohol Clerk/Server Trainings and alcohol compliance checks. The Geauga County ASET Committee will be providing the training and compliance checks in our county. Janis is seeking other venues to get the Parents Who Host Lose the Most message out to. She will be contacting the Mapleleaf and Courier about weekly articles. Blake suggested buying an ad in the Chardon Football program, which are sold at each game.

Janis will be writing an article about the results of the Drug Free Action Alliance's annual Super Bowl Ad survey. Chardon Middle School students did participate in the survey again this year. The data continues to support that youth are highly influenced by advertising.

Janis brought up the need to seek funding for prevention activities. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has offered grants with the goal of reducing drinking and driving. Janis hopes that collaborations between Lake and Geauga Counties on the Parents Who Host Lose the Most campaign will result in more successful grant writing in the future.

The CCAT has a \$500.00 Federal grant to host an Underage Alcohol Town Hall meeting this spring. It might be combined with the Heart to Heart program and not only emphasis drinking but also youth suicide. There is a connection between drinking and suicide.

County agencies are planning two presentations for law enforcement personnel to acquaint new officers with Geauga County social services agencies. The program, April 23, will emphasize youth services and May 14 will highlight services for adults. These programs were developed following a suggestion from Chardon Police Chief Tim McKenna.

NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 16TH, 2010
7:00 PM
CHARDON MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Respectfully Submitted by,
Lynn Kempf, Secretary

ADDENDUM – CCAT and Chardon School

CCAT and Chardon Schools Meeting Minutes

2/2/10

Attendees: Steven Kofol, Andy Fetchik, Tim Kehres, Jen Roberts, CoCo Griffis

Minutes:

- CCAT representatives shared our desire to assist the middle and high schools with their programs, events, activities that are aimed at helping youth make healthy choices, especially around alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.
- The principals voiced their support for CCAT involvement.
- They shared some of the goals they have for their buildings for this year and reviewed some of the existing programs currently in place.
- We agreed to look into the following things further:
 - Bringing another “DIRT” presentation to both schools (9th/10th and 1 or 2 grades at the middle school)
 - Look into assisting with the Senior Mentor program at the high school
 - Start looking into bring the mentoring program to the middle school (senior would train selected 7th grade students to be mentors when in 8th grade to the new 6th graders)
- Any presentations would have to be scheduled after state testing mid-March (CHS) and mid-April (CMS).
- Follow Ups:
 - Jen will start looking into dates and cost for another DIRT presentation
 - Andy will meet with the Senior Mentor advisors to identify opportunities for CCAT to assist with the program
 - Andy and Steve will meet to begin looking into the middle school mentor program
 - CoCo will schedule the next meeting for the first week of March