

Minutes
Chardon Community Action Team Meeting
March 16, 2010

Attendance

Lynn Kempf	Jeff Campbell	Mary Alice Bell
Tim Kehres	Janis McLaughlin	Thalia Hutter
Blake Rear	Jen Roberts	

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Campbell at 7:05 pm.

Approval of February 16th 2010 Minutes – Thalia Hutter moved and Janis McLaughlin seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

Financial Report – Thalia reported that there is \$5,543.14 in the checking account. Tim Kehres moved and Janis seconded approval of the Treasurer’s report. The motion passed.

Report of Joint CCAT and School Personnel – A full written report of the meeting held on March 1st, 2010 was handed out at the meeting and included with these minutes. Tim added that CCAT and Chardon School officials continued to discuss ways CCAT could support the Freshmen Mentoring Program and a future Chardon Middle School mentoring program. The assistance might include financial assistance, presentations by CCAT members on 40 Developmental Assets, issues relating to youth drug use, prevention and other relevant topics. Another meeting was not scheduled, but communication will be ongoing.

Maple Festival Parking – There is a sign up sheet was distributed to assist with parking cars at the Municipal Parking Lot. The Geauga Lyric Theater Guild and CCAT will jointly park cars starting Friday evening, 5-8 pm; Saturday and Sunday 10:00 am-7:00 pm. Jen Roberts will be asking for assistance from the High School Teen Institute and Eighth Grade Middle School Teen Institute. It was noted that there needs to be adult supervision with the youth at all times. Income from this fundraiser will be split evenly with the Geauga Lyric Theater Guild.

Youth Car Show - There was no formal report. Blake Rear has not spoken with the automotive teacher at Auburn Career Center. This event will not take place till fall 2010.

Chardon Car and Motorcycle Show – Jeff reported for Cheryl Pfeister. The band has been booked and Women’s Auxiliary of the FOE will continue to do the food.

Parent Who Host Lose the Most – An Alcohol Clerk/Server Training and Compliance Check haven’t been scheduled as yet. Publicity for Parents Who Host is ongoing on GTV and Janis will be doing other media promotions. Jeff has posted the Parents Who Host information on the CCAT website.

Town Hall Meeting – CCAT received a \$500.00 federal grant to provide a forum to discuss underage drinking. The committee discussed several ideas for this forum such as combining it with the Heart to Heart program held in the spring of 2009. Jen Roberts had attended a presentation on a program, “Hidden in Plain Sight”. It is a simulation of a home showing where young people hide drug. It is presented by a group from the Toledo area. The cost is \$750.00 plus travel fees. It was decided that “Hidden in Plain Sight” would be a draw for parents and the community. Tim Kehres moved that CCAT contribute up to \$500.00 toward the expenses of this program, Jen seconded the motion and it passed. Jen will schedule the program and make arrangements with the Toledo group. A joint Teen Institute and CCAT committee will plan program. Janis, Lynn Kempf, Debbie Reider, and Jen will represent CCAT.

[Since the March meeting the date of “Hidden in Plain Sight” has been set, it is Tuesday May 25th]

Advertisement in Sport's Program – Blake reported that a full page ad in the fall Sport's program is \$225.00. Ads can also be taken out in the Geauga Lyric Theater Guild programs. Janis moved that we explore further, paid advertising in both the Sport's program and Theater. Blake seconded the motion and it passed.

Youth Alternative Activities Survey – Jeff presented the survey and asked if for suggested changes. CCAT members were asked to give him suggestions through email. Thalia moved and Jen seconded that CCAT adopt the survey. The motion passed. Jeff will arrange for the survey to be put on Chardon School's Monkey Survey site.

Challenges and Decisions/Golden Ticket to Life Programs – These annual programs, Challenges and Decisions for 7th graders and Golden Ticket to Life for 8th graders, are being held May 5th – 7th, 2010 at Camp Burton. The 7th graders come on the Wednesday May 5th and leave on the 6th using the same bus the 8th graders arrive on. The 8th grade program ends early afternoon Friday the 7th. Chardon can send up to 8 Junior Teen Institute members to each program. The total cost, including transportation, is \$1100. There are no Safe and Drug Free Schools funds available to help defray the cost this year. The students selected to attend will have to pay part of the \$50.00 registration fee. Jen said she can provide the \$300.00 bus fee and asked CCAT to assist with the registration fee. Jeff moved that CCAT contribute \$400.00 towards Chardon Middle School students' registration fees for the Challenges and Decisions and Golden Ticket to Life middle school programs. Tim seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Social Service Agency Informational Programs – Jen announced that the Geauga County Social Service agencies are hosting two countywide programs promoting their services. April 16th, from 9am-noon, at Wildwood Nature Center, children services will be highlighted and on May 14th adult services.

NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21st, 2010

CHARDON MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Respectfully Submitted by,
Lynn Kempf, Secretary

CCAT and Chardon Schools Meeting Minutes 3/1/10

Attendees: Steven Kofol, Kelly Murphy, Andy Fetchik, Kim Butala, Tim Kehres, CoCo Griffis

Minutes:

- Reviewed follow ups from previous meeting:
 - No report on the DIRT presentation (Jen's been on vacation)
 - Andy and Kim shared that the Senior Mentor advisors are interested in the possibilities of partnering with CCAT. Current funding covers the existing program but comes from the Principals fund which has been decreasing over the last couple years. Additional programming would require new funds.
 - Steve and Kelly shared that they are very interested in establishing a middle school mentor program. They will continue the planning process. Due to all the other things that happen this time of year, it will be difficult to carve out time to draw up the plan but ideally it would be completed in time to implement the program next year. The guidance counselors fully support the idea also.
- Next Steps
 - CoCo will check in with Jen regarding the DIRT presentation and send an update to the full group.

- Andy and Kim will talk with the other Senior Mentor advisors to brainstorm a wish list of things they would like to add to the program if they had additional resources. They will try to get that list and an estimate of resources needed (financial or otherwise) to us prior to our next CCAT meeting on 3/16.
- As Steve and Kelly get a better idea of what the middle school program will be, they will consider the resources they need to implement and sustain it. They will also try to get us some information prior to the next CCAT meeting.
- Tim and CoCo will give CCAT an update on our meeting and share any information provided regarding the mentoring programs.
- Future meetings will be convened with those directly involved in the subject vs. the larger group, unless needed. At this time, a large group meeting will not be scheduled.

Hidden in Plain Sight/Town Hall Planning meeting

03/30/10 2:30pm

Present: Deb Reiter, Jen Roberts, Jessie Werbeach, Beth Taphous

On the agenda:

1. Time of the Event
2. Food/Refreshments
3. Kid program
4. Advertising
5. Decorations

The discussion:

1. Time will be dependent on whether or not we have food. If the group can secure refreshments, the evening program will begin at 6pm. If not, we will begin at 6:30. We will request the Hidden in Plain Sight exhibit to reduce their program to 2 hours.
2. The group will meet next Thursday at 1pm at New York deli. Jen will write out a request for donation letter and the group will go around to a few chosen restaurants for donations. It was discussed that we will request from establishments that serve alcohol. The group felt that we want to form a partnership with any area restaurants, and we may be able to get a commitment from them about not serving minors. It was also decided that it was important to try to involve restaurants as this may increase participation.
3. Jessie, as the president of TI, volunteered that the Teen Institute members at the high school could play games and keep the kids entertained while the parents were in session. It was also suggested that Jen request the gym for the kids to run around in, and that we offer to help kids with homework to remove a possible barrier for attendance.
4. Advertising will be discussed at a later date, but the group initially brainstormed advertising through GTV, school websites, PTO's, news releases, city newsletter, email through the school, maple leaf, fliers at the library, town fliers. It was decided that advertisements would request people RSVP to give us a better idea of what to have for refreshments. The group mentioned that giving a deadline for the RSVP may deter people from attending (if they feel it is "too late"), so we will not have an RSVP deadline.
5. Discussion of decorations was left for a later date.

***We do need a fun, catchy name for this event, so if you have any suggestions let me know!!