

Minutes
Chardon Community Action Team
May 15, 2018

Attendance: Matthew Petersen, Nicol Susel, Jeff Campbell, Lynn Kempf, Blake Rear, Thalia Hutter

Nicol Susel, Prevention Specialist Lake Geauga Recovery Centers, presented on tobacco use in Geauga County. Nicol had assisted the Geauga County Metropolitan Housing Authority in writing a smoke free policy. As of March 15th Geauga, MHA housing is 100% smoke free. She spoke about the dangers of second and third hand smoke. E-Cigarettes have become a \$3 billion industry.

Mat Petersen followed up with a handout and presentation on the 2017-18 Geauga Community Tobacco Survey. Highlights include 64% of adults strongly agreed that tobacco use should not be allowed on school grounds or at any school events. 76% of those surveyed strongly agree that tobacco companies should not be allowed to advertise any tobacco products towards youth and raising the minimum age to 21 to purchase tobacco products had 43% strongly agree. Outdoor use of tobacco products is a concern since the survey showed that only 21% strongly agreed with smoking not be allowed in outdoor public spaces.

Lake Geauga Recovery Centers Report

Saturday, April 28th tobacco compliance checks were held in Geauga County. There were no sales in the 10 stores checked.

Matt said that two Chardon students were involved in a tobacco point of sale audit in Geauga County. There are a below average retailers to population in our county, but we have a higher percentage of smokers.

Teen Institute students provided Hands on Museum demonstrations at the Chardon Spirit Day on Chardon Square.

Matt will present CCAT's scholarships at Chardon's Honor's Night.

CCAT members to pay for a half page ad in the Maple Leaf's 2018 Graduation insert, but not in the fall football special section. CCAT will place an ad in the Chardon fall football program.

Treasurer's Report

Thalia Hutter reported that Ron Hamilton verified that our books are in order. Ron Hamilton's office filed our Federal Audit. Thalia filed our Ohio annual charitable Registration form.

The profit from parking cars at the Maple Festival was \$1,049 and we received \$2000 from Chardon Tomorrow for our assistance at the Traveling Tea Party. Although this was less than anticipated, CCAT distributed a lot of prevention information.

Our present balance is \$6,941.13. Blake moved and Matt seconded approval of Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Splash Party is scheduled for June 8th.

Chardon Schools Foundation Run is July 4th. CCAT donated funds for snacks and we assist during the run.

No report on National Night Out, August 7th.

Car Show report

Thalia has received some responses to the letters of support. She has received \$300 from Kuhnle Bros. and \$200 from the Chardon Smile Center.

New Business

Lynn Kempf suggested that CCAT send a letter to the Editor of the Maple Leaf congratulating the newspaper on the Opioid crisis in Geauga County.

We will not have a regular meeting in June.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING, JULY 17, 7PM.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Lynn Kempf, Acting Secretary