

October 18, 2017 Minutes of the meeting

Board members present were: John Tafolla, Walt and Vicki Hart, Todd Hill, JoAnn Peterson, Elijah Noel, Crisha Warnstaff, Dwayne Turner, Beth Sutton, Jon Neal

The regular meeting, of the Oroville CARES Coalition, was called to order by Chairman Jon Neal at 6:00 PM.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as posted.

Marlene Barker explained that every year we must re-write the continuation application. We added Love and Logic classes into that budget and it was approved, without revisions, by the DFC. Two school district employees will be trained, since this is collaboration with the school district. We will offer 24 classes this year, and those will commence after the May 3, 4, 5, 2018 trainings. Love and Logic is non-confrontational parenting. It's evidence based and foster parents are required to take these classes. We would also like to tie these in with CPS and the court system.

Community members are invited to bring our cars and candy for the event called "Trunk or Treat" held at the Hideaway Grill. Discussion was about whether we want to participate since it is at a tavern. Everyone agreed that it was a good idea to have one safe place for community kids to trick or treat, but was the tavern a good impression for the Coalition.

Marlene suggested that everyone bring a bag of candy to the event, since we can't use DFC funds for food. Dwayne made a motion to bring candy. Walt seconded.

Movie Night: The first movie night will be either the 15th or 16th of December at the Oroville Elementary School, pending approval. This is collaboration with two senior girls for their senior project. It will be held at the Commons and admittance charge will be a can of food for the Food Bank. Another movie is planned for February, 2018, and it will also be a collaboration with seniors for their projects.

There is a Jingle Bell Jog fun run planned for December with an entry fee of a can of food. In March we plan to have a night Fun Run with glow sticks, which we will hold on the H.S. track.

Tonasket is hosting a haunted House and Corn Maze activities. Todd felt this would be a good opportunity to get our name into the Tonasket Community. We discussed donations and decided we would use our own promotional merchandise rather than money. Shay Shaw, fiscal agent, said that we could not use DFC funds for cash donations. Motion was made by DeWayne and seconded by Walt to give \$50.00 in promo merchandise. Saturday there will be a

haunted hallway at the Oroville grade school, and Jamie Mikelson mentioned that we could donate locally to this cause also.

Washington State Prevention Summit will be November 3 and 4 in Yakima. Ten students expressed interest in attending. Marlene is working on finding chaperones. One needs to be from the school district to drive students down.

Sticker Shock will take place on November 15. John said he would see if the Explorer Scouts would help

Missoula children's play will be here soon. Jamie Mikelson suggested that this would be a great place to advertise some of our up-coming events.

Drop box: Cameras will be needed and the drug box will need to be DEA approved. Dwayne Turner raised the concern that people will be hesitant to drop off if they are on camera. Todd Hill, Chief of Police, explained that the cameras will be necessary for security; that DEA requires 24 hour surveillance and the camera system would only be accessed if there proved to be a problem.

Marlene talked with Jim Prince regarding the possibility of using the old warehouse store as a Youth Center. Members of the farmer's Market and Hospital outreach were interested in collaborating also. A discussion ensued about what we really want to do with regards to a youth center. Guest Pat Kee and Lisa Nolte were there to offer input since they were the leaders of the former Youth Activity Center. Pat suggested that we know our mission, and have a safe place for kids to hang out 2 hours 3 days a week. It was suggested that we have some fun life skills programs like cooking and sewing. Principal Mielson said that she has students who are afraid to be at home on the weekends, and it would be helpful to have a place for students to go for a few hours on Saturdays. Dwayne Turner mentioned that his church basement could possibly be utilized for this purpose and also Vicki's club, who now sponsors a lot of local activities, might be a good possibility to get us started. The other possibility is to research The Boys and Girls Club. Boys and Girls clubs have been started with grants from companies on the West Side. It would provide a safe place for mentoring, homework help, foster kids. The Gates Foundation was mentioned as a source. Jon to check on that end.

Glenda suggested we contact a celebrity for our next year celebration as soon as possible as their schedules are full. Dwayne said he would contact Clint Gresham. Discussion as best time of year for celebration Jon said it would be best held in the fall because the heat was tough, and youth would be in school, so easier to contact and get the word out. Aiming for last couple weeks in September, with understanding need to be flexible dependent on guest schedule.

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:05 PM Vicki Hart, Secretary

