

Minutes November 17, 2016 Oroville CARES meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jon Neal at 6:04 pm.

Board members in attendance: Jon Neal, Elijah Noel, Jennifer Cisneros, Dwayne Turner, Beth Sutton, Vicki Hart, and Walter Hart.

Minutes from the October 20, 2016 meeting were sent to board members via e-mail and were approved by the board.

The chairman asked that the Individuals in attendance introduce themselves and state who they represent as we had several guests.

Good News and Updates:

The new Coalition Director, Marlene Barker, was introduced by Jon Neal. Marlene will begin working on Monday, November 21, 2016. The new office space in the high school is ready for occupancy and Marlene is excited to get started. Jon Neal said they were holding off on hiring for the coordinator position until after the training. The position will be advertised again and we will go from there.

Action Items:

Marlene Barker reported that the WA State Prevention Summit she attended was wonderful. The enthusiasm of the kids was amazing and she got to know a lot of new people and contacts throughout the weekend. Classes were held on what confidence building and presentations we can do. It was a very successful experience.

Glenda Harvey reported that the Break Out sessions were helpful as well.

The students in attendance were Sugyesi Layata, Peyton Sanchez, Jesse D'Aquino and Wendy Ortega. Lynn Johnson and Laura Curdie accompanied them.

They had separate classes from the adults. The students found the workshops on suicide prevention, bully prevention and how to build cultural confidence to be very meaningful. They were taught to engage in more in depth conversations with those needing help and not to just ask yes or no questions of them. They learned how the prevention program was working and were able to see statistics proving results. They all agreed that the summit was an enjoyable, helpful experience.

NCW grant results:

Our coalition requested \$12,000 to fund 3 billboards. We were awarded \$7,000. The second phase is community fund raising. We will post on face book "go fund me".

Donations can be accepted by cash, check, and stock donations. The final phase is up to \$5,000.

Slogans for the campaign:

Drug use is life abuse is what the "Be the Change" *Group chose as their favorite*, but they did not want to be negative. It was very important to the students that we are all in agreement for the slogan. Many great slogans were discussed and the attendees and board agreed to "United we stand for a drug free land". Dewayne Turner made a motion to accept "United we stand for a drug free land" as the slogan for the junior and senior high school students, Beth Sutton seconded and all agreed. For the elementary students, we selected "Happy faces going places, drug free." It was noted that the cost of T-shirts goes up the more times we change the logo and the more colors we add. The main purpose of the art contest is for the billboard so we don't want to limit the colors on the kid's art projects, just limit on the T-shirts.

Art contest prizes:

Last year the art contest prizes were \$100.00, \$50.00, and \$25.00 cash. We will launch the contest starting Monday by announcing the contest and setting the dates for early December. The billboard has to be ready by January...we can have at least three bill

boards in January. It was decided to use community collected funds for the prizes. These can be used for in kind grant requirements.

In kind records:

In kind records are needed for everything you do for the coalition. Even though we don't get paid for work, our volunteerism hours count at rates of about \$27.00 toward our matching funds. Minutes from the Be the Change group will document their participation.

Marlene Barker will send a google. docs to everyone to make it easy to log in your time.

Christmas Bazaar:

We will staff a table at the Christmas Bazaar this weekend. We don't have time to sell anything, but we will have flyers available and try to get the 6th and 7th graders involved. Joanne Loudon said she will get the ASB students involved.

Board positions available:

Cori Hildebrand expressed interest in representing the parent sector. She was not present so we postponed a vote. Nominations are open for chairman and secretary positions. Jon Neal says he at least needs a co-chairman because he cannot always attend the meetings. Dewayne Turner volunteered to be the co-chairman. Vicki Hart will keep the secretary position until we can get another.

Year-end charitable contributions will be taken care of by Lynn Johnson.

Be sure to sign in to get the hours in-kind.

Meeting adjourned 7:05 P.M.

Vicki Hart
Secretary