

Minutes of the Sept 9, 2008 meeting of the Vienna-Madison Community Coalition

The meeting started at 7:00 pm.

Attending were Diane Eckert, Sara Freund, Tammy Belcher from Club Phoenix at the Vienna Community Center, Lisa Carroll, Cindy Korhmann, Bridget Mancini, Therese Sheleski, Casey Hanes, from the Hudgins office, and Deborah Roney.

Diane gave a thorough history of the VMCC stating that it started in 1994 as a community organization involved with the Vienna Community Center. Community members such as the police, principals from the pyramids' schools, parents and teachers and others are invited to work with the VMCC. The VCC provides us meeting space and a closet for our supplies for free. Early members split off, became a 501 c 3 and created the Phoenix Club for the VCC to have a teen center, in 2000. President Bush visited in his effort to push coalitions. In the beginning, issues were visibility, alternative activities, Elementary school parents and 6th graders. Lynn Black headed the Coalition at one time. Susanna Flint from the VCC ran it for a while and then Sara Freund became the coordinator and started addressing Parents' denial. Sara ushered in panels of teens, law enforcement, and parents. Originally the Coalitions got \$10,000 from FCPS, but that is down to \$3,000 now and there are restrictions on what it can be used for. The VMCC became a 501 c 3 two years ago and has it's own checking account and can raise money now. Bullying, Internet safety, depression and suicide, Binge drinking are the issues of the day.

The structure of the VMCC is that our 501 c 3 needs a board of 7, we have 4. The FCPS VMCC needs a steering committee with special jobs. We need a coordinator, secretary, treasurer (currently Deborah Roney) Liaisons to all schools and then we should have representatives from SADD and the SGA, the VCC, the county, Law Enforcement of Fairfax and Vienna and Parents from the schools.

-Meetings will be the first Thursday of the month, and the next one will be on October 2.

-We decided to reserve a room at Madison for Nov. 18, to have speakers.....MADD speaker (mother of a Burk student), psychologist, police (Butch Gamble, a traffic cop, contact Chief Carlyle). We talked about starting a series of forums on the topic of Tools for Parents. Deborah said she would help organize this. Diane is looking into the MADD contact and the psychologist contact.

-Cindy said she would look into the SCC's website and a web host?

-Lisa said she would ask some in the computer graphics class to design a website, (volunteer credit hours) and some in DECA to help with advertising....a poster designed for us or a photo/poster with the photo possibly being usable as a backdrop to our website.

-Therese volunteered to be the Madison liaison, and to attend the VMCC table at Back to school night on the 16th.

The meeting was adjourned around 8:30.

Deborah Roney