

VIENNA-MADISON COMMUNITY COALITION

Minutes of the October 2 meeting, held at the Vienna Community Center

Attending were; Tammy Belcher, Lisa Carroll, Deborah Roney, Sara Freund, Therese Shelesky, Maria Alvarez-Lundi, Casey Hanes and Janet L. Weiner.

The meeting started at 7:00. The minutes were read and approved by the members present.

Sara began by giving us all charts illustrating how the Unified Prevention Coalition (UPC) is the umbrella organization to the Community Committees, the Prevention Conference Task Force, the CIRUD (Countywide Initiative to Reduce Underage Drinking Task Force), and the new Coalition Website Task Force. The FCPS Safe and Drug Free Youth Section which we and the 18 other coalitions fall directly under, created the Unified Prevention Coalition as an offshoot.

Under the UPC;

A Youth counsel is also being formed.

The Prevention Conference is being held on March 28, 2009. It has positions to fill and is asking for volunteers.

VMCC business;

Janet Weiner, the Rep from Flint Hill was introduced to the members present, and she will be the liaison between Flint Hill and the Board, helping with advertising of events in the school newsletters, etc, and helping with the 6th Grade Ethics Day.

Therese, our Coordinator is going to be visiting Private Schools such as St. Marks, OLG, Green Hedges, and Flint Hill, to look for volunteer liaison's to those schools. She will also be visiting the schools in our pyramid asking for volunteers from each. Cynthia Kohrmann is working on the website, setting it up, putting our logo on it and other information we would like it to include, finding a server, etc...

Maria Alvarez-Lundi is going to be taking care of our pledge lists and other membership data, working on the logo, handling publicity into electronic venues at the high school.

Deborah Roney is handling the finances, doing the taxes, and the minutes. She will also be the liaison to the newspapers and newsletters in town for publicizing the forum.

We would ultimately like to find volunteers to take on the media and publicity, Forums and Project Sticker Shock.

Website; Maria will send logos to all of us to vote on and then it will go to Cynthia. Stacy will get password to Cynthia and will give Go Daddy Cynthia's name so she can get in and work on it.

Silence isn't Golden, is an open letter from Parents the Anti Drug. We can put our name on it and publicize it in newsletters and newspapers, PTSA newsletters and Student newsletters.

Pledge; members mentioned that the wording was misleading. That the parents thought they were responsible or may get calls when ANY student was at a party where there was alcohol. Sara will change the wording in the Pledge for next year.

VMCC Fall Forum; So far we have a date, Nov. 18, 2008. Tools for Parents is a possible name for the series. Jennifer Hamilton is helping to get a victim speaker and a psychologist. Police Officer Butch Gamble will be asked by Casey who would be good to speak. We need to get a title, agenda and a flyer to Mad Memos by Thursday the 9th at 5:00. Sara will contact Jennifer re; speakers, Theresa will fill out MADD form.

On Wednesday, we talked about having Bob Gambrelli put out a push a week prior to remind parents via email. We need to get the word out to Thoreau too.

Project Sticker Shock, is a future project. Spring.

The next meeting will be on Nov. 6.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Deborah Roney