

We Care for Kids Council

May Meeting Minutes
05-06-2019

Members Present: Mary Ellen Clery, Cassie Davis, Jessica Higley, Cheryl Thelen, Claire Hopkins, Ashley Kliewer, Terri Legg.

Welcome and Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm.

Old Business

Approval of April Board Minutes: Meeting Minutes from April were reviewed. A motion was made by Terri Legg to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Claire Hopkins. The April Meeting Minutes were approved.

Approval of March Financial Report: A copy of the financial report was provided. A motion was made by Ashley Kliewer to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Jessica Higley. The Financial Report was approved.

Website: Damon Davis is paid \$150.00 a year to keep our website up to date. In February, we voted up have him upgrade the site to be mobile-friendly, and also to meet the ADA standards. Were the updates made? There are some major typos on the website. Ashley will compile a list of updates/typos that need to be fixed – please send all ideas to Ashley. kliewera@michigan.gov

CTF Update:

Mary Ellen submitted the Quarterly Report to CTF.

Protect Yourself Classes:

Our Protect Yourself classes reach 1750 children throughout the year. Wow! We could not do this without the support of the principals. Can we do something for the principals? A mug? Small token of appreciation?

Safe Sleep: Safe Sleep resources are still available. To request any of the items, please contact:

Ashley Kliewer kliewera@michigan.gov 616-902-8086

Naomi Miller millern12@michigan.gov 616-522-7217

Friend of the Court Training: Trauma training for FOC staff (FOC investigators) should be offered. Mary Ellen is going to gather a packet of ACEs information and try to get a meeting with FOC staff.

Family Fun Day: Family Fun Day was held at Montcalm Community College on April 27th from 11:00am to 2:00pm. The survey results were shared with everyone.

POSITIVE FEEDBACK:

- We used all the McDonald's gift cards.
- Attendance was approximately 476.
- The baby shower was a huge success. They had 47 surveys completed. 68 people signed up for emails and the newsletter. 28 pack-n-plays were given away. 22 car seats were given away.

SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR:

- Anderson and Girls did not bring any large animals. Next year, check with Double K Farms or the Montcalm County 4H program for more of a variety of animals.
- More board books or books for smaller babies/toddlers
- We need a volunteer at the door to direct traffic.
- Double the food for vendors and add chips and a drink.
- We need more face painters.
- Nobody used the nursing station. Is it needed?
- Low numbers in swimming (27 & 20).

Middle School Sexual Abuse Curriculum

This needs to be purchased. Mary Ellen would also like to have a discussion with leadership at the high school level about offering the materials for this.

Stewards of Children

For our grant, we need to offer this training twice (Fall 2019 and Spring 2020). Ashley will locate a trainer for this. She will also email Mindy Train about the date of the Early Childhood Conference – maybe SOC could be a break out session at that event?

Committee Reports

Legislative: They are working on a law to make selling vapes or vaping supplies to a minor illegal. They are also looking into allowing for same sex families to adopt.

Membership: No updates.

Education: No updates.

Executive: No updates.

Roundtable:

The United Way Day of Caring Food Packing Event and Campaign Kick Off is 09-07-2019 at the Montcalm Co. Fairgrounds.

The United Way Sponsor a Classroom will begin at the end of May or beginning of June for the 2019-2020 school year.

Love and Logic is happening this month.

Cassie is assembling bags for summer festivals. These are handed out at parades, festivals, etc.

Corks and Kegs (RAVE fundraiser) will be on 05-17-2019 at Shadow Ridge Golf Course in Ionia. \$20 tickets are available.

The Montcalm Co. DHHS office has an 8Cap worker stationed there.

The Health Department is suggesting that everyone get their immunizations up to date!

The Health Department also has gas cards available for those who participate in the Pathways for Better Health program.

Meeting adjourned at 1:07 pm.

**Next Meeting: 06-03-2019
NO JULY 2019 MEETING.**

Meeting Minutes compiled by Ashley Kliewer and Naomi Miller.