

We Care for Kids Council

Meeting Minutes

02-03-2020

Members Present: Ashley Kliewer, Penny Dora, Naomi Miller, Mary Ellen Clery, Robin Atwood, Faith Brophy, Cindy Hill, Stephanie Barone, Beth Brundage, Haley McLean, Karen Marsman, Cheryl Thelen, Maiah Leshner, Tammi Shaw, Claire Hopkins.

Welcome and Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 12:01pm.

Old Business

Approval of January Board Minutes: The meeting minutes from January 2020 were reviewed. There is no "a" in Mary Ellen Clery's last name. A motion was made by Karen Marsman to accept the minutes with the correction of Mary Ellen's last name spelling. The motion was seconded by Cheryl Thelen. The January 2020 Meeting Minutes were approved.

Stewards of Children: A Darkness to Light training has been scheduled for 02-10-2020 at Greenville High School from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. This will be in collaboration with the IM SAFE CAC. Ashley will email Chelsa about the Montcalm Co. Parenting Coalition meeting. Another option is a break out session at the Early Childhood Conference in September. Two Darkness to Light trainings need to be held for the community prior to 09-30-2020.

United Way Live Facebook, re-do: Due to the lack of cell phone service it has been requested that WCFK's Facebook Live event be re-recorded. Family Fun Day may be a good day for the We Care For Kids Facebook page to post and "go live".

Director Evaluation: Penny, Robin and Cheryl will be completing Mary Ellen's evaluation. Ashley may be available to help. A date has not been set yet.

New Business

Approval of December Financial Report: The financial report for January was reviewed. We received a \$411 donation from Aggressive Tool & Die. We also received a \$150 donation from the First Congregational Church of Stanton. Penny will mail them thank you cards. We paid Damon Davis his bi-annual \$150.00 payment. A motion was made by Tammi Shaw to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Cindy Hill. The January financial report was approved.

Family Fun Day: Family Fun Day will be 03-21-2020. Set up will begin at 8:30am. The event will start at 9:30am and end at 12:00pm and we have until 12:30pm to clean up.

Animals: **IN THE WORKS.** Haley will request as many therapy dog teams as are available. There are some forms she needs to fill out for the event. We will not be using any other animals (4H, Career Center, etc.) inside or outside.

McDonald's gift cards: **ALL SET.** Mary Ellen has secured 450 \$5 gift cards. They will be given to families after they complete the survey at the end of the event.

Books: **ALL SET.** Katie will work on getting 400 books for the event.

Advertisement: **IN THE WORKS.** Penny will be updating the flyer to be used for advertisement. The flyer will be emailed to agencies for distribution. We will also post the event on our Facebook page. Should we run paid Facebook advertisements? Should we run an ad in The Daily News? Penny will email out the bundle pricing for the newspaper and then we can decide. Mary Ellen is also hoping to receive the CM Foundation grant (\$2500) for the event, but will not know if those funds are ours until the meeting on 02-19-2020.

Swimming: **ALL SET.** We will hold open swim from 9:30am to 11:00am.

Vendor registration: **ALL SET.** Penny emailed out the vendor table registration form.

Lions Club: **ALL SET.** Penny confirmed their attendance.

Fire/EMS/Police: **ALL SET.** Penny confirmed their attendance.

Face Painting: **ALL SET.** Karen has two volunteers, Penny has one volunteer, and Katie has herself plus one volunteer.

DHHS bags: **ALL SET.** Jessica will bring 500 bags to the event.

Snacks: **ALL SET.** Ashley will get 300 bananas, 300 apples, 600 cheese sticks, 600 crackers, and 600 mini waters from Sam's Club. She will bring them to the event.

Vendor food: **IN THE WORKS.** Mary Ellen will work on coffee and donuts.

Bouncy house: **ALL SET.** Mary Ellen has confirmed the bounce house.

Radio: **IN THE WORKS.** Robin will ask for a spot on the radio to advertise the event. Karen and Faith will be on the radio. Jessica is a back up.

Survey: **ALL SET.** Ashley will facilitate the survey at the end of the event.

Executive Director Report

CM Foundation Grant Application: Mary Ellen completed the grant application on 01-06-2020 and will know if we were approved at the meeting on 02-19-2020.

Basket for CM Community Foundation Winter Bash: Mary Ellen created a basket themed "Grandma Remembers" from WCFK and donated it to the CM Community Foundation auction.

CTF Grant Report: The report was completed on 01-20-2020.

Protect Yourself: Mary Ellen has nine classrooms of Protect Yourself going on right now.

Committee Reports:

Legislative: The House and Senate have passed a bill which requires warning labels to be placed on medical marijuana products for pregnant women. The rate of pregnant women using marijuana has doubled in the last ten years.

With the 3rd grade reading law in effect, the Governor is trying to share with parents how to ask for exceptions.

Membership: No updates.

Executive: No updates.

Education: No updates.

TABLED FOR FUTURE MEETING: Committee members for each group needs to be established.

Around the Table – What is Happening?

There is a free Love and Logic Class at the MACC. 02-24-2020 and 03-02-2020. Both dates must be attended. There is a 20 person limit. Childcare is available if registered in advance. See flyer for details.

The Parent Coalition schedule has been set for April 2020 – December 2020. See flyer for details.

The baby class for playgroups has moved to Thursdays at Mr. Calvary in Greenville.

The MCN Trauma Informed Parenting class is going to start again in March. Exact date is unknown. This session will be on Mondays from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at MCN in Stanton. It is 8 weeks long and parents are only allowed to miss one session to still receive a certificate of completion.

There will be an indoor garage sale on Friday from 9:00am to 3:00pm at Alpha Family Services. See flyer for details.

CASA will be starting a new class to train volunteers in April.

United Way will be doing a Community Drive for the month of February. They will be collecting new bedding, socks, bras, and underwear and distributing them throughout the community. Several banks are the drop off location. See flyer for details.

DHHS received allocations for new workers. They will receive a new foster home licenser (to be shared with Ionia Co.), a new Juvenile Justice worker (to be shared with Ionia Co.), and a new CPS worker. They have three new foster care case workers.

RAVE is hosting a canvas painting fundraiser at Ionia Moose Lodge on February 29th from 4-6pm. Space is limited!

RAVE is hosting a self defense training at Ionia Soaring Above Teen Center on February 19th at 4:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 1:23pm.

Next Meeting: 03-02-2020

Meeting Minutes compiled by Ashley Kliewer and Naomi Miller.