



Nemaha Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse

“Strengthening Today’s Youth Builds Our Future”

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Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2009 - 12:00 Noon – Johnson Brock High School

Present: NADAA Director Laura Osborne, YADA Coordinator Kayleigh Baker, NADAA President Monty Lovelace, NADAA Clerk Ashleigh Boeve, Board Member Bob Cole, Sheriff Brent Lottman, Police Chief Dan White, Seth Bingham and Mary-Jo Parker

The meeting started at 12:00 pm. The minutes from the September meeting were approved on the motion of Mary-Jo Parker and seconded by Seth Bingham. The motion was carried.

Laura Osborne began by passing around letters the coalition has received in thanks of our efforts. The first was from Johnson Brock High school, thanking us for the water donated to the homecoming dance. The second letter passed was from Peru State College’s Residence Life Division thanking NADAA for the donation of door prizes for their alternative activities. Laura then passed around a thank you note that was to be signed and sent to Lori Henderson for the wheel game she made for the coalition. Finally, a sign-up sheet was passed around in hopes of filling the final few slots for the Meals-On-Wheels program for the month of November.

The first item Laura spoke about was Red Ribbon Week. That Wednesday, October 21, there was a Chamber of Commerce After Hours at the NADAA office. October 22 was STOP Day at both Auburn and Johnson Brock High Schools. October 24 was the Armstrong Fun Run as well as the Family Festival. Scheduled entertainment included a juggler, a herpetologist and the Nemaha County Sheriff’s Department drug dog demonstration. These were in addition to games, activities and concessions. Mary-Jo Parker was leading the planning committee for the Family Festival and she put a lot of time and effort into it. She has done a great job.

Laura then filled the group in about Homecoming at both of the High Schools on October 2nd. Laura manned a booth at AHS, while Kayleigh had a booth at JBHS. T-shirts were used for a ‘Fatalities on the Fence’ display and NADAA had placed prevention stickers on the popcorn bags. Turnout wasn’t great due to the weather. At the high school dances, NADAA donated water bottles with prevention messages on them as well.

The Coalition has talked about doing some fundraisers, and one idea Laura came up with is selling pocket calendars with school information in them. This particular fundraiser is just an idea, and if anyone has any input, feel free to speak up about it. One idea was that we partner with the Chamber of Commerce to put in coupons to local businesses, or sell ad space to local businesses if we decide to go with the calendars.

Laura and Kayleigh will be going to a conference called The Power of Prevention Within. Region V will pay for one coalition member to go with them. The convention will be Friday, November 13th in Lincoln. If you are interested in attending the one day conference, please contact our office. Sally Zellers, Dr. Dennis Embry and Clay Roberts will all be presenting.

Kayleigh took the floor to update the group on YADA. YADA sent out their youth mini grant to Region V and are waiting to hear back about it. Kayleigh said it is looking good that they will be awarded the money. YADA requested the money for four things through this grant: another YADA dance, YADA banners, more 5th quarter events and YADA t-shirts. The amount requested was \$1,790. Both schools are included in this grant application. Kayleigh was pleased to report that last spring, YADA had 32 active members and this fall, there are 103 active members.

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Laura took this time to tell the group that the Auburn Chamber of Commerce awarded NADAA the Development of Youth award at their annual banquet on October 19th. This makes the second award to NADAA during the month of October in recognition of the coalition's work with youth. (NADAA was named as recipient of a statewide RC&D award for Involvement with Youth on October 6th.)

In subcommittee news, the After School Program is facing challenges. The Nemaha County Extension Office (4H) has decided to cancel the program after only one session. The After School Program committee for NADAA is trying to figure out what steps to take from this point. It was suggested that YADA could do after school meetings where students could do their homework. Kayleigh said she will take the idea to her students and see what they think.

NADAA's application for the STOP grant was not awarded. Therefore, the Underage Drinking Task Force did not get funding for a media campaign. So for now, their message campaign is on hold. They will be applying for another grant in the spring but are still developing ideas which NADAA could utilize in regular advertising efforts throughout the year between other programs and ad campaigns.

In Peru State College news, Seth Bingham reported that PSC has also applied for a Region V mini grant. Seth will be traveling to Florida on November 4th and taking three students with him for the BACCHUS General Assembly. The BACCHUS group sent 3 students to help with the Red Ribbon Family Festival. NADAA will also be donating water to the PSC homecoming dance on October 31.

Laura reminded the group that last spring we voted to bring money into the coalition by running the concession stand at AHS. NADAA is now responsible for all the games at the school in January. Laura will be talking to Sue Lister for guidance about what to provide and how to go about getting it. We will draw up a schedule of the dates and times. Seth said that the BACCHUS students might be willing to help with this. Kayleigh mentioned that YADA is planning on helping as well. Laura notes that at least one adult NADAA member will need to be present at every concession stand operation, so adult volunteers will still be needed!

Finally, the group discussed the change for the meetings once again. It was decided that meetings will be moved to the third Tuesday of each month at 4pm. The location will rotate between Auburn High School, Johnson Brock High School and Peru State College. We will try this schedule out until at least May to see how it works. Therefore, next month's meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17th at 4 pm at Johnson-Brock High School, and the December meeting will be on December 15th at 4 pm at Peru State College.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45.

Ashleigh Boeve
Office Clerk

**Next NADAA Meeting
Tuesday, November 17, 2009 @ 4pm
Johnson Brock High School**