

**Community Anti Drug Coalition of Rutherford County
Minutes November 18, 2009**

Call To Order: Chief Glenn Chrisman called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Members and Friends in attendance (29): Jermond Davis, Ronni Shaw, Jim Lieb, Glenn Chrisman, Ricardo Jones, Lisa Schrader, Brenda Kerr, Stacey Richards, Kyle Grisham, Staci Thompson, Bob Murphy, Kris Delene, Brett Freeman, Emily Glenn, Susan Lankheet, Cynthia George, Roy Fields, Julia Hill, Senna Mosley, Andrew Jacks, Lanny Goodwin, Kim Rush, Patsy Noland, Bill Lord, Laura Schlesinger, Cliff Sharp

Staff present: Karen Claud, Richard Watson

Welcome new and returning members, guests, and visitors. Chief Glenn Chrisman welcomed everyone in attendance and introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes: A motion proposed by Patsy Noland and seconded by Kyle Grisham to accept the October 21, 2009 minutes. Motion carried and minutes were approved by the membership.

Community Partner Presentation: Andrew Jacks with YEAH, Youth Empowerment through Arts and Humanities presented information on the organization and their new facilities located on the Maple St side of the square in Murfreesboro. The facility is open for teens ages 10-17 during the week from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and from 12:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays. The facilities contain a lounge area for youth to hang out in as well as programs in various arts including recording, graphic arts and films. All age entertainment is offered during weekend evenings. The venue is an alcohol, drug and tobacco free facility. YEAH provides a safe environment for young people to connect to themselves, others and the community to create stronger individuals and a better community. More information can be found on their website at www.yeahintheboro.org. The organization can also be linked through their Facebook page. Membership for a youth is \$20.00 a year. Andrew reported that they haven't had to offer scholarships, but will not turn away youth. Kyle Grisham requested that if needed, CADCOR consider sponsoring scholarships for some of the youth.

Old Business

Beer Board: Karen reported the local beer boards are continuing to be monitored and information collected. Richard and Karen attended the November Smyrna beer board meeting in which nine retail establishments (markets and restaurants) appeared for violations in compliance checks held in April and May. Fines and penalties were assessed at 7 to 14 days suspension or \$2,500 fine. Several members asked about dates for next beer board meetings. These meeting dates will be posted on the website. Senna Mosely, LaVergne Alderman reported their beer board recently encountered some problems when trying to enforce revocation of a license. She felt the boards needed to have the support of the community as they were trying to diligently uphold their duties and enforce the fines and penalties, but often faced opposition especially when these went to court. Coalition members discussed the various aspects of beer boards and enforcing fines and policies.

School Survey Update: Richard reported surveys were going well, and all but one school has completed surveys. Approximately 2300 surveys were taken by middle and high school students.

New Business:

New Brochure and Parent Tips: Coalition members were presented with draft copies of a revised CADCOR brochure, one in English and one in Spanish and a "Parenting Tips" flier that was done in English and Spanish. Community volunteers completed the translation for both pieces. Brochure will be finalized and printed in January after new Board members are announced.

Compliance Checks: Richard reported the coalition will continue to work with local law enforcement to support additional compliance checks. It was also reported the Sheriff's Departments TEAM unit recently conducted a round of 9 compliance checks in the Smyrna area and no stores sold.

Action Items:

Coalition members were asked to check the information in the membership notebook and to complete a form if they had not done so already.

Announcements/Recognitions

Cliff Sharp was awarded a certificate of appreciation for his support and involvement with the Prescription Take Back events.

Greenhouse Ministries will be holding a food drive on Thursday, November 19.

Patsy Noland announced the Murfreesboro National Night Out events were selected as a winner "for its outstanding participation in the 26th Annual National Night Out crime, drug and violence prevention program." This continues the program as a long standing award winning event.

Patsy also announced that there are some youth who have aged out of the foster care system, but who are still in need of places to go for the holidays. They have identified at least 3 young adults who could benefit from being with a family during the holidays.

Linda Gilbert, CADCOR board member is in the final three selection of candidates for Murfreesboro City School Superintendent.

Lanny Goodwin announced on Friday, Saturday and Sunday (November 20-22) they would be replacing trees on the section of the Greenway that was devastated by the Good Friday tornado. Volunteers are welcome to assist in the replanting of 6000 trees.

Kris Delene announced the Friends of Linebaugh Library book sale on Saturday, November 21 from 9-12:00.

Adjourn: There being no further business, Jim Lieb moved CADCOR adjourn, seconded by Cliff Sharp and passed by members.

Next meeting: December 16 at 10:30 a.m. Murfreesboro Housing, 415 N. Maple St. Please note change in time—meeting will be short business and rest for networking and holiday festivities.

BRING A FRIEND!!!! Coalition meetings are open meetings and we welcome attendance among all community members. Please share information about the coalition to parents, youth, churches and businesses and invite them to be a part of the coalition and the work we are doing to keep our youth safe and free of alcohol and drugs.