

**Community Anti Drug Coalition of Rutherford County
Minutes, December 16 2009**

Call To Order: Chief Glenn Chrisman called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Members and Friends in attendance (40): Ronni Shaw, Linda Williams, Kyle Grisham, Judy Williams, Rochelle Walton, Jim Lieb Sandra Pineault, Glenda Kelly, Logan Lefeurs, Glenn Chrisman, Roy Fields, Ryan Nance, Tammy Walker, William Butler, Shelly Stanley, Pat Noland, Leslie Walker, Emily Glenn, Kris Delene, Cynthia George, Whitney Patterson, Brenda Kerr, Shelia Bratton, Ricardo Jones, Bill Lord, Jermonde Davis, Kim Rush, Jim Sanford, Pam White, roger Harrell, Jennifer Smith, Cliff Sharp, Andrew Jacks, Kathy Ferrell, Rita Shacklett, Patti Metcalf, Cheryl Harris, Lauren Perry

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 Bill Lord and seconded by Kyle Grisham to accept the November 18, 2009 minutes. Motion carried and minutes were approved by the membership.

The December meeting contains a shortened agenda as it was a combined meeting with Read To Succeed and their community partners and a special holiday celebration for both organizations.

Announcements/Recognitions

Greenhouse Ministries will be conducting a holiday food distribution on Tuesday, December 22. They hope to have their new facilities open to serve clients after Christmas.

Murfreesboro Police are doing Feed the Families and Shop with a Cop programs this holiday season.

YEAH announced they will be conducting a New Years Eve lock in for teens.

Kris Delene announced Friends of Linebaugh Library has books available for organizations to provide to their clients; also they are accepting books at their bookstore location in the City parking garage.

Smyrna West will be conducting anti-domestic violence activities around MLK day and is also looking for speakers to talk to the students throughout the year. Anyone interested can contact Ryan Nance at Smyrna West.

Jermonde Davis announced they are getting a group of kids 15 and under together to form a basketball team that will compete in a competition in Alabama. The team will be formed from kids in the MHA housing developments and will represent the southeast region in the competition.

Leslie Walker from Barnes and Noble announced they are conducting a book drive in conjunction with Toys for Tots and will be providing two books to each child participating in the program.

Captain Linda Williams with the Tennessee National Guard Counter Drug Task Force announced they are awaiting funding appropriations from Congress. Non-funding would mean the Counter Drug Task Force would lose their staffing and ability to initiate drug education programs with youth. This would affect thousands of youth in our county and throughout the state. The appropriation has passed in the House and is now awaiting Senate approval, which they hope will be voted on Friday. CADCOR has submitted information to Congressman Gordon's office and will be working with the CDTF to help raise awareness with Congressional representatives about the importance of this program and their integral involvement with communities and the coalition. Additional information will be provided to CADCOR and can be made available to others who are interested.

READ TO SUCCEED: Ronni Shaw presented the RTS business. She announced the One Book selection for 2010 is *The Soloist* by Steve Lopez. Copies are available at Linebaugh Library and can be purchased at Barnes and Noble. A variety of community events will be held January through March to highlight the themes of the book—homelessness, mental illness, and music. It was noted that there is a strong connection with mental illness and substance abuse, which is exemplified throughout the book. This has a direct tie in with the mission and focus of CADCOR.

Unplug and Read will be held February 14-21. Rutherford County residents are asked to pick a night and unplug from electronics and read.

In partnership with YEAH, a free admission pass to YEAH will be given to youth through the schools. In addition they are partnering to offer tutoring and homework help in the afternoons at the YEAH facilities.

Everyone was reminded to go online to take a survey to help RTS gauge their effectiveness in the community over the past 5 years. The survey can be accessed through the RTS website at www.readtosucceed.org.

The Celebrity Spelling Bee was a huge success and netted the organization over \$31,000 as a primary fund raiser to support RTS work in the community. Vincent Windrow was the winner.

Congratulations and well wishes were expressed to Linda Gilbert for her recent appointment as Murfreesboro City School Superintendent. Members were all in agreement to Linda's invaluable service and efforts she has given to both organizations and the community as a whole. Everyone is wishing her all the best in her new position and looking forward to continued and expanded collaborations with the schools.

Cliff Sharp read aloud a poem that is a favored Christmas tradition in his family.

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

**Next meeting: January 20, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. Murfreesboro Housing, 415 N. Maple St.
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.**