

15<sup>th</sup> District Drug Coalition  
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General Meeting  
Thursday, December 6, 2007 at 12:00 p.m.  
Dardanelle Community Center

### Minutes

Submitted by: Vicki Sutton.

18 members were in attendance from 12 organizations.

#### Gary McElligott

- Gave a brief update to the committee explaining that the City of Dardanelle is working on guidelines and budgets for a resource officer, and that two individuals have come forward that are interested in the position per Montie Sims.

#### John Foster:

- Told the committee that there has not been much activity on the website. He also stated that the P.S.A contest had a couple of entries come in from Dardanelle, but none from Danville. He reminded everyone that the deadline is December 14<sup>th</sup> for the entries to be turned in. After a small discussion with Janet Cook regarding judges, the coalition decided to wait and see how many entries come in as to whether or not we would need to seek outside judges from Arkansas Tech etc.
- John also told the committee that the Yell County Record had ran a nice article about the P.S.A.

#### Keith Kluthe

- Told the committee that he will be compiling a calendar after the January meeting.

Next on the agenda was to open the floor for nominations for officers for the Coalition. The current officers that served for 2007 were:

Chair: Tom Tatum  
Co-Chair: Bill Gilkey  
Secretary: Gary McElligott  
Treasurer: LeAnne Duvall  
Minutes: Vicki Sutton

Gary explained to the committee that due to increasing work needs, he will be away a lot more in the next year and may have to miss more meetings. He suggested that his position be filled by someone else for the 2008 year. Vicki Sutton nominated John Foster for this position with a second coming from Janet Cook. Everyone present voted in favor of the nomination and it passed unanimously. Tom Tatum, Bill Gilkey, and LeAnne Duvall all agreed to continue in their respective positions. Vicki also asked if anyone would be willing to fill in for her for those meetings she will not be able to attend due to her busy year for the Chamber of Commerce. LeAnne also volunteered for this as well.

**LeAnne Duvall:**

- Gave an updated report on the financials. She stated there had been no change since the last meeting, and the balance in the account stands at: \$1,478.57.

**Jean Furr:**

- Has done a lot of preparation and hard work to secure a speaker to come to the Dardanelle Schools. The schools had three candidates to choose from. She told the committee that Milton Creagh has agreed to come on March 12<sup>th</sup>. He will speak three different times, and his topic will be, "Nobody wants your Child". Vicki was able to get approval from the City for the Dardanelle Community Center for this date. Janet Cook suggested that we invite the Jazz band and choirs to come and perform for the event to bring in more parents. Gary suggested that we put together a committee to pull the event together such as food, get entertainment etc. to make the event a success. He nominated Jean to steer the committee. She agreed to do so. Sammy Johnson stated that he would talk with the Yell County Wildlife Federation about cooking for the event. The students from East Lab at the Dardanelle High School offered to help with the clean up. LeAnne and Annette Sigle have volunteered to collect door prizes for the event.
- Jean also got several quotes for window clings, bumper stickers, t-shirts and polo shirts. After some discussion this topic was tabled to the next meeting until we get a better idea on what will be needed.

Students from the High School East lab, Mercedes Anthony, Jessica Doehring, and Nick George were present at the meeting to give a power point presentation to the coalition that was a DVD of David Parnell and his life story about drug abuse. He will be speaking at the Dardanelle High School on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. He will speak for one hour and then have a question and answer session.

**Gary McElligott**

- Thanked everyone for coming and thanked the Sheriff's office for providing lunch. He also wished everyone Happy Holidays. Gary informed the coalition that the next meeting will be January 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Dardanelle Community Center at noon.

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.