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General Meeting
Thursday, May 3, 2007 at 12:00 p.m.
Dardanelle Community Center

Minutes Submitted by: Vicki Sutton
10 Members were in attendance from 7 organizations.

Gary McElligott

- Told the committee that the “Bridge the Gap” fair was a success. He stated that the attendance was not what they had expected but nonetheless it did what they had hoped for by “Bridging the Gap” between the two counties, between the generations, and by successfully getting the message out about drugs and an alternative to using drugs. He stated that a couple of the perks we had received from having the fair was that we were able to get the “Stop Meth Now” cards made, as well as business cards, and the T-Shirts. He also stated that funding had been a problem for publicity, and that a lot was learned from the fair this year so that improvements can be made for next year. He thanked everyone that volunteered their time for the two day event.

Sammy Johnson

- Suggested that we should involve some high school bands at next year’s event.

LeAnne Duvall

- Suggested that we only have a one day event next year instead of a two day event.

Jean Furr

- Explained a little to the committee about the T.G.I.F at the Russellville Boys and Girls club that meets once a month. She stated that it was great for kids, and that it was chaperoned by adults, and that the kids were not allowed to leave without an adult. She suggested that the coalition contact youth ministers in our surrounding area, and look into having a once a month program for our area as well, and look at starting this program at the beginning of the 2007-2008 school year.

Sammy Johnson

- Stated that we should try to coordinate the annual fishing derby, as well as the hunter's education classes with the coalition and its message about drugs.

Gary McElligott

- Stated that we need to be thinking ahead to July's meeting for a rough draft for the "Public Service Announcement Contest". We need to have the entry form ready, as well as the rules. He also stated that Chambers Hospital had donated \$300.00 towards prizes for the contest.

John Foster

- Told the committee that we need to decide soon about what prizes we will have for the contest winners.

Gary McElligott

- Stated that he is trying to find representative from the Hispanic population join the coalition and begin attending the meetings.
- Also stated that Tom Tatum is working on the details to become a non-profit organization such as having a 501 C3.
- Thanked everyone and set the date for the next meeting for June 7th at the Dardanelle Community Center at noon.

Meeting adjourned at 12.55 p.m.