



Parents Matter Coalition Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 11, 2011, in the 5th Floor Conference Room of St. Mary's Health Care Center. Attendees included: Norma Tibbs, Jasmin Fosheim, Amy Beshara, Tasha Almond, Michelle Majeres, (via Skype) Larry Weiss, Elaine Scott, Ruby L. Douglas.

Larry Weiss, Chair of the Parents Matter Coalition, called the meeting to order and guest speaker Jasmin Fosheim, Riggs High student was introduced.

Minutes of the last meeting were emailed to each attendee. The agenda was approved with additions "Draft Graduation Letter".

Jasmin Fosheim, gave a speech that she had prepared and presented to Kids Speak earlier. She talked about how important it is for students to be involved in extra curricular activities. She told about YIP (Youth Involvement Program) and how they work on projects in small groups.

Jasmin talked about how her parents hold her accountable and how important that is to her. Parents do matter!

Larry asked Jasmin if she would be available to speak to different groups and she said that would be possible. It was suggested that she speak to elementary students and parents, because kids listen to other kids better than anyone else.

She stated that it is her idea to speak out on issues no one has told her to do this.

SPF-SIG – Ruby is working on this the final Phase I plan to be in by May 31. \$1200 is available for capacity building and this must be spent by May 31. If the money is not spent it will be returned to the Division and then the funds will be re-distributed in Phase II. Larry asked Michelle if the money could be spent before May 31 and the advertising taking place later, but that cannot happen. Whatever advertising is done must be done before May 31. Ruby has arranged for Parents Matter to be put on a list to advertise at the Theater for Phase II of the SPF-SIG Project.

Ruby mentioned "Most of Us" campaign by Dr. Linkenbach, Montana University. This campaign will focus on the positive. Larry suggested we find who is not involved with Parents Matter and get those groups, folks involved and some of the \$1200 could be spent for that purpose. Larry will be in touch with Ruby to talk about using this money.

Larry distributed a draft letter he prepared for the media (he will email it also) he asked the group to make additions or corrections immediately so he could get it out before graduation.

Arrest Report – Larry had some old reports that he made comparison on and though it appears better in some areas it is worse in others. We still have lots of work to do to educate parents and teens about underage consumption.

Norma Tibbs representing Moose International talked about the scholarships available and all the areas that Moose International is involved with Youth. Their motto for Youth Awareness Youth Program is “There Is A Future, They Are The Future, The Future Is Now”. She would like to get the word out so there is more participation in the scholarship program from this area.

There is lots of work to be done!

Pizza was served for lunch St. Mary's Health Care Center provided lemon aide.

June 15, 2011 will be the next meeting with no meeting in July.

Respectfully submitted,
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-The only journey is the one within.-
[Rainer Maria Rilke](#)