

Character Counts! Coalition Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2007

Present: Kathy Methner, Carolyn Bennett, Duane Ellis, Vera Wiltse, Carol Garner

Call to Order 4:00 pm

I. Review of August 7, 2007 meeting minutes.

The minutes were approved as presented.

II. Additions to the Agenda.

MSU bullying program -- Vera

Superintendents meetings – Carolyn

Treasurers' report - Vera

III. Treasurer's report

Vera reported that we have paid Media Graphics of CMU \$195 for printing CC! table tents for CC! Week. Also, she has set up a six month CD for \$3,000 at 4.85%. The Coalition has a current balance of \$2,530 plus the CD amount. We will owe Primary focus \$530 after their presentation at Beal City on September 19th.

IV. MSU Bullying program Vera handed out a flyer for the bullying program that will be presented by Karen Pace and Janet Olsen of the MSU Extension on October 2 at the Winding Brook Conference Center. The cost for the seminar is only \$20.

V. Superintendents Meetings – Carolyn reported on a series of meetings that she has had with the area school superintendents to discuss Character Counts! in the schools. Carolyn has met with Joe Tillman of Beal City and Joe Pius of Mt. Pleasant, both were interested in the Character Counts message. Carolyn plans to meet with Terry Baker of Shepherd Schools fairly soon.

VI. School assembly

The CC! Coalition is sponsoring a CC! Counts day of assemblies and activities for the children at the elementary school in Beal City on September 19th. The group Primary Focus will spend the day at the school and interact with the students throughout the day. The group will also present three assemblies during the day. CC! members have been invited to attend the performance. Vera will photograph the activities.

VII. Planning for CC! Week

The following assignments were made for CC! week activities:

Carolyn – radio spots, business billboards

Kim – tent cards

Banners – Duane

Proclamations – Kathy

Vera – bookmarks to Library, Library display

V. 2008 School Character Survey

Carol reported that she would no longer be able to attend the regular CC! Coalition meetings. She would, however, like to continue to participate in CC! projects. She has set up some guidelines for the CC! survey in the schools. Discussion was held concerning the timing of the next CC! school survey.

VI. Goal Status Review

The status of the 2007 goals was reviewed. Discussion was held concerning the possibility of meeting with the local home school association.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm

The next meeting of the Character Counts! Coalition is scheduled for 4:00 pm Tuesday, October 2 at the MSU Extension Office in Mt Pleasant.