

Better Brodhead Coalition Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

5:15pm-6:15pm @ Putnam Park

Attendance: Julie Taylor, Hannah McMunn, Sabrina Meichtry, Peder Johanson, Megan Altfillisch, Katie Weber, Chief Chris Hughes, Gabby McCarty, Bridget Craker, Stephanie Pinnow.

• Julie led welcome & intros

• Updates from Cynthia

Not present for updates. Table it for next meeting.

• Updates from Megan

Updated on LGBTQ+ committee's plans for educational videos for school staff. LGBTQ+ youth and family have volunteered to lead training on various topics. Megan has created a BITMOJI classroom and soon will have it on the website and potentially in the schools if given permission.

• Y2Y Update

Gabby let us know that there is a group of 6 Y2Y youth that are meeting. They are in the process of ordering t-shirts for past and present members and potentially some for adults. The promotion of the "Small Talks" campaign is being talked about, but nothing has been decided yet.

COVID-19 Discussion

Chief Hughes update on city's response

The chief let us know that they have a plan in place and will stick to said plan. They have received complaints within the community about some employees and customers not wearing masks and deal with them accordingly. The most recent outbreak with students was talked about and that there were between 50-200 kids from different school districts in Green County present at a party. Most are asymptomatic but those of them who have the virus, are showing extreme signs. The Sheriff will be the one to make comments and decisions regarding the outbreak from the party. Officers and EMS are taking precautions when receiving calls and asking people to step outside instead of going into homes. It was mentioned that Better Brodhead is handling the crisis well by partnering with the Public Health Dept. and delivering masks. Any city-wide questions can be forwarded to the Chief.

Bridget Craker update on what the county is doing
 Bridget updated us on the most recent numbers regarding COVID cases. She also mentioned that a variety of sites that will be doing COVID testing each week in Green County. She answered questions regarding the number of days that need to be quarantined when there was/wasn't exposure. If an employee of a business tests positive, the business doesn't have to shut down per law, but customers and coworkers who were in contact with positive employee will have to quarantine.

What can we as a Coalition do? Panel discussion? Katie mentioned that in order for change to be made, there needs to be more supportive city officials and businesses promoting masks in Green County. Peder also added that we need more school officials and parents to also be on board so we can make effective change. Many mentioned that they have noticed COVID being used as a bullying mechanism. There will be a panel discussion to aid in our efforts of education. It will be pre-recorded from zoom. It was mentioned that we desperately need someone from the school to answer questions regarding the school's enforcement of masks.

• "Small Talks" Campaign

Megan updated the group about the campaign and encouraged them to take yard signs and window clings to help spread the message.

• Diversity, Inclusion & Privilege Training with Santo/Podcast

October 14th or 21st?

Either date works for the group and there is interest in the training. Peder has been in contact with Santo regarding the podcast and they have decided that it would be best if the podcast was centered around spreading information about who Santo is and the trainings he provides. Peder will follow up this week or next to do said podcast.

• Appreciation Pins

Megan read aloud the letter of appreciation and awarded pins to the members who were present.