



Hybrid Coalition Meeting
Nov 16,,2021

5:15pm

In Person: Bethlehem Lutheran Church 405 E 9th Ave, Brodhead

Virtual: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89166300915>

Summary

Attendance: Stephanie Pinnow, Chris Hughes, Jason Onken-Covert, Alexis Speth, Kathy Comeau

Apologies: Megan Altfillisch, Julie Taylor, Susan Pomatto, Peder Johanson, Jen Wichita

Welcome and Introductions

Stephanie chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone. Introductions were made. Jason was welcomed into the community and Better Brodhead.

Better Brodhead Staff update

Kathy was the only staff member present. She described the recent prescription drug safety event that was held in Spanish. The event was attended by 65 people and was well received. Public Health nurses were on hand to administer vaccinations, and 22 medication lock boxes were distributed. In addition, Dr Julio Rodriguez, who was one of the speakers, identified and referred a family to the Fowler Free Dental Clinic. There are plans to do another similar event sometime in the future.

The Trick or Trunk event was a success. Kathy estimated that there were approximately 600 children who attended the event. Better Brodhead staff were dressed as candy bars with Kathy dressed as Willy Wonka. Staff passed out Red Ribbon materials, including Drug Free Looks Like Me sunglasses, face masks, and lollipops. Children were offered the opportunity to sign the Drug Free Looks Like Me Banner Pledge.

Budget Review

Recent expenses were reviewed on the budget summary. There were no questions.

Y2Y and SAFE Club - no representative was present so this item was tabled.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

1. Spanish Narcan Training on Dec 4th at Bethlehem Lutheran Church from 3-5. Carlos Rivera will present the training along with information on mental health. Narcan will be distributed to individuals trained. Contact Dilcia Varela if you are able to volunteer for this event. dvarela@betterbrodhead.org
2. Fire and Ice Festival Parade- Dec 3rd- Kathy asked if anyone had any ideas for a float for the parade.
3. Volunteer Recruitment Committee: Stephanie Pinnow is chairing this committee. Jason said he would get in touch with her about being on this committee.

December Holiday Meeting

The 3rd Tuesday of the month falls on Christmas week this year, so it was agreed that the December coalition meeting would be moved forward to December 14th. This will be our holiday meeting. Dilcia's mother in law will be providing authentic Honduras tamales for this meeting. In addition, there will be Honduras rice, and salad. We will use the Fellowship Hall at the church and maintain social distancing. We hope you will be able to attend this meeting (and we have presents for everyone!)

Other Business

Chief Chris Hughes gave an update on the City Council discussion to reduce the size of the police department.

The vision of Better Brodhead is a community where everyone is valued and safe.

Mission Statement: Better Brodhead engages and supports the community to reduce bullying, dating violence, and youth substance use.

1. Any Other Business (5 min)

Current Board Members

Julie Taylor - Chairperson
Peder Johanson - Vice Chair
Stephanie Pinnow - Treasurer
Jenifer Wichita - Board Member at Large
Chief Chris Hughes - Board Member at Large

There are several vacancies on the board - if interested please contact staff and request a board application.

Staff

Kathy Comeau - Program Director
Megan Altfillisch - Community Service Coordinator
Dilcia Varela- Bilingual Community Service Coordinator