

MINUTES

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Coalition for a Safe & Healthy Elgin
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CSHElgin.org

PRESENT: Kiesha Williams (School), Mark Whaley (Enforcement), Jessica Reed (staff), James Nicklen (Government), Jack Wheatley (Faith-based), Gil Feliciano (staff), Kathe Pava (Healthcare), Berenice Bernal (Other) and Juan Camargo (Youth-Serving).

10:30-Welcome from James Nicklen, Vice-President/Introductions/Mission Statement

10:35-Minutes

- James Nicklen presented the minutes to coalition members from April's meeting. No comments. Jack Wheatley made a motion to approve the minutes. Jack Wheatley seconded the motion. All were in favor and minutes were approved.

10:40-Bylaws review

- James Nicklen shared that the A-Team (executive board) discussed the by-laws and shared that no one sent in revisions from the previous meeting. Kiesha Williams asked to define what good standing means, especially if someone has just joined CSHE or at the beginning of the new fiscal year. She also asked for clarification regarding the letter of resignation, especially in her situation since her boss will be sending someone else to the meetings after the summer. The by-laws were voted on as they stand, Jack Wheatley motioned to approve, Kathe Pava seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed. Kiesha Williams abstained from voting.

10:50-Action Plan Items

- Gil Feliciano started a conversation reviewing how the most recent Club Lite went. He shared there were 317 middle school youth who attended. Volunteers and staff got approval from the manager for the capacity throughout the night. CSHE did collect IDs again and had a group of volunteers from R Church to help out with the event, but not many CSHE members attended. There was some Facebook drama again on the What's Happening in Elgin page, but not on our posts. Gil shared how he handled the parents, was transparent about the event, and offered to give the individuals with concerns a tour at the event. Gil shared how he talked to a group of high school students who were outside at the beginning of the event and they asked when a high school event will be held. There was some discussion on how high school students don't seem to want to have a club experience, so maybe CSHE could provide an open gym with some music and space for kids to hang out.
- Gil Feliciano reported on CSHE's participation in Elgin's Cinco de Mayo Fest, which was successful despite some challenges. Gil reported that Sherrie was the only volunteer from CSHE that attended. He also shared that he had 6 participants and the winner at 4

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peppers in 3 minutes. Gil shared that it was a good way to get CSHE's name in the community.

- The A-Team shared that they are looking to attend the City Council Meeting on Wednesday, May 23 at 7:15 to introduce CSHE to the city and show a presence. They invited CSHE members to participate to show the city council who makes up CSHE.
- Gil shared how CSHE is collaborating with the Open Mic Poetry Knights to host an Open Mic Night on Friday, May 25 starting at 7:30pm. CSHE is bringing pizza and information on CSHE/substance abuse prevention information to the event, which is a clean, positive event for all ages. Everyone is invited to attend the event. Discussion followed, which included how the Gail Borden Library has a wonderful studio in the teen center and it might be a good place to recruit teens for the event. Gil mentioned he has talked to some people at the Library regarding the City of Peace event in the future.
- James Nicklen shared information about the CSHE retreat which is being planned for June 8, 2018 at Wal Camp, near Kingston, IL. The National Guard and Tracy Johnson will be providing the training, lunch will be provided, and there will be some team building as well. Gil asked for CSHE members to RSVP ASAP for the retreat, so he can arrange transportation.

11:30-Open Floor

- Keisha Williams shared she is trying to organize the data related to drug referrals and incident reports in U46 before her time with CSHE is up. Keisha shared this will be her last meeting, as her boss rotates people each year.
- Gil shared he spent a week in Santa Fe for training related to the DFC grant and will be returning two more weeks throughout the next couple months. He shared he learned a lot but is still processing all of the information.
- Keisha Williams asked how the Landlord Training went. Gil reported it was successful.
- Jack shared that his church hosts Fun Fest on July 21st and he welcomed CSHE to have a table of information at the event. It is from 11:00am-3:00pm. It is Aloha Fest themed this year.

11:40-Meeting Adjourned. Evaluations were requested to be filled out and turned in before leaving.

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