Coalition for a Healthy Greater Grand Forks Minutes 09.14.11

Cindy Janssen called meeting to order at 2:05 pm

Present were: Lynn Roche, Chris Langei, Chris Rood, Cindy Janssen, Donna Bernhardt, Jim Whitehead, Leah Melquist, Jim Roemmich, Warren Hanson, Leah Whigham, Tyler Anderson, and Daniel Splichal

Cindy introduced herself and asked those gathered to do the same

Treasurer’s report: Donna reported that we have $1400.00 in our checking account

Cindy went over the Strategic Plan for the coming year – the goals will remain the same and we will change some of the goals. Cindy stated that she would like to see a bike path from Grand Forks to the Grand Forks Air Force Base. It was suggested by Jim that a member of the Grand Forks Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) be invited to attend our meetings.

One of the goals last year was to clean up the coulee by the University. It appears that some of the coulee has been cleaned up – Cindy will check with David Barta to see how this project is progressing.

Cindy asked for ideas for the Coalition. Leah Melquist asked about getting the group on Facebook. She will create a group and get things set up so we can use this popular website for networking. Chris Rood liked the idea of having members of the ACHIEVE Grant join with the Coalition. Chris Langei asked if the monthly news articles were being sent to the Grand Forks Herald. Cindy stated that the articles are still being sent with the Coalition website listed. Cindy asked members to write articles and forward to her and she will see to it that the GF Herald gets it. Chris Langei mentioned the possibility of doing this through Facebook.

Cindy stated that our Coalition for a Health Greater Grand Forks purpose is to serve as an umbrella for communication between coalitions and agencies in the community. All coalitions and agencies are encouraged to communicate questions, resources, events, needs, etc through this coalition. Cindy can forward announcements to members as indicated. Leah Whigham will be looking for subjects for some upcoming studies that will be conducted by the UND Human Nutritional Research Center.

As time was slipping by, Cindy asked Dan if his report on the ACHIEVE Action Institute in June of this year could be forwarded as an attachment and she would get this report out to all the members. Dan said that he would send the report as an attachment along with the minutes to Cindy. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 12th at 2:00 pm in the GF Park District Board Room. The meeting adjourned at 3:13 pm.

submitted by Daniel Splichal