

Kootenai Alliance for Children and Families
Communities that Care meeting
Friday August 11, 2006
11:00AM

Members present: Paula Neils, Amy Bartoo, Tammy Rubino, Kathy Reed.

Minutes from the July meeting were reviewed. Motion Amy, seconded by Kathy to approve the July minutes.

An update on the Strengthening Families (SF) program was presented. The training is going on today and tomorrow. Few were in attendance at the training but we hope to implement the program in at least 3-4 locations. Next year we would like to offer the training again and get more people on board. Lakes Middle School, Real Life Ministries and ICARE are three of the organizations that will be offering the program.

Outreach Committee Report/update- The group met the last week of July and had a good discussion on the progress being made by the faith based community. Garry Loeffler and Mark Haberman have been key players in reaching the faith-based organizations. Their next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 15th at the Alliance office at 2:30 p.m. They are also setting up a coffee meeting at Elmer's on September 28, at 10:00 a.m. Amy and Shirley Thagard are working on letters to send out to invite attendees of the CTC Summit that was held at Templin's Resort. They are also working on setting up a focus group meeting with Chamber members.

KACF's fountain for the Fountain Of Wishes fundraiser is finished and in the park next to Pita Pit. The fountain turned out very nice. If anyone would like to volunteer to help the day of the auction, please contact Tammy a.s.a.p.

Tammy reported that Callie Ketner will be coming to work with her on various duties that need to be completed. She will be here next Friday.

Amy talked about the 'Family Academy' idea that was discussed at the last CTC Training. She feels that this is something we should consider doing in the future. Several ideas were discussed. It was decided that we should look at having a committee to pursue this. We will bring it up at a future meeting for further discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted by Tammy Rubino