

Youth Issues
October 5, 2016

Present: Molly Lloyd, Jarrett Blain, Nicholas Knoblauch, Dori Phillips, Kristi Mobley, Julie Russell, Darlynn Williams, Cody & Wesley Kinzer, Tom Herzog and Julie Riley

No changes were made to the minutes. Calendar was updated as follows:

SADD meeting today

ESAA – October 25th

Paper Tigers- October 17th, 4:00 p.m., in auditorium, OPI credits available

ACES Training – October 28th, 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., H.S. Library, OPI credits available

Red Ribbon Week – October 24th

Fire Prevention Week – October 10th

Carnival for Halloween – October 31st, Faith Bible Church, 5 to 8 p.m.

Julie Russell provided both a progress and point of sale report that discusses the success of tobacco prevention in Montana. She was asked to share information on woofers and e-cigarettes at the next meeting. Julie also said that she is working with John Blain and Jim Hansen to bring in a speaker, Earl Campbell, to discuss internet crimes. He can meet with 3rd grade youth and older, parents and with members of Youth Issues. Julie will try to schedule him to come to Broadus in November.

Members continued the discussion from the last meeting about the issues affecting youth in Powder River County. How do we create an interconnectedness between all members of the community? How do we, as individuals and as a community, be the one person in another human being's life that provides unconditional positive regard? How do we tap into the resources and talents of adults in our community to build relationships?

Some of the points discussed included:

- *there are adults with that capability
- *some parents lack the knowledge of how to parent
- *how do we find positive role models
- *how do we train people to become positive role models
- *how do we target kids in school for prevention
- *how to help 18 to 26 year olds to be positive role models

Creating a volunteer system was discussed. Nicholas said that millennials want places to volunteer, and that we need to target and personally ask people to get involved, not just send out a general or mass request for volunteers.

Dori said that if we develop a volunteer system as proposed that we will address many of the issues brainstormed at the last meeting such as kindness and self-esteem.

Darlynn suggested that we prioritize the list of issues. Then, personally ask volunteers to help address those issues.

The group then brainstormed places to volunteer:

Library, building (cleaning) legos

Moonlight Walk (Cody)

Bug's Life

Glow Event

Kids' Korner & Sonlight Kids

Elderly with weatherization

Food Bank
St. Vincent's
Museum

Nicholas said that it is a bit like Eagle Scouts in Boy Scouts, where the person earning the badge cannot do the work, but finds volunteers to assist. People often like to give where they have received, particularly at food banks in larger cities. He said that he could talk to his parishioners to identify kids and grandkids who might like to volunteer.

Tom added that so often we say that "we'll do it" rather than "who can we involve" in this project.

A challenge was offered to give a "personal ask" to volunteer and report about our efforts at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2nd, at 8:30 a.m.