

ALCONA COMMUNITY SUPPORT COALITION
FEBRUARY 15, 2010, 7:30 AM
THE FLOUR GARDEN

PRESENT: NATE LEESEBURG, TOM WEICHEL, KATHERINE VICHUNAS, LES THOMAS, TOM KELLER, DONNA HARDIES & KARA STEINKE

OPEN MIC REPORT: 24 in attendance, with singing, dramatic reading and guitar performances. Need to improve promotion for next time, starting sooner.

TOWN HALL MEETING: Alcona was again selected to receive \$500 to host a town hall meeting around underage drinking. The format for this event will be a luncheon, targeting local businesses. A meal will be provided, with a presentation and discussion around underage drinking issues in Alcona County.

PROM/GRADUATION: Letter will be sent again, this time coming from the Sheriff's Department. A draft letter will be ready for the next Coalition meeting. In addition, placemats will be used again. Information will be provided on the effects of alcohol on the adolescent brain. Radio PSA's can be used again, letters to the editor and some possible paid space in the Review to print information regarding underage drinking. Kara will contact Shawn Thornton regarding labels. Coalition questioned if both parents get the letter for joint custody arrangements.

MARCH – Guitar Hero will be hosted at the auditorium on March 12, 2010 from 4-11 pm. 5th through 12th grades will be invited. Pre-registration is necessary. Flyers will be completed this week, and additional advertising avenues explored (school marquee, announcements, posters, etc). Nate received permission from superintendent to operate audio equipment, with the help of school personnel. Les will see if he can create the "guitar trophy" for the overall winner. Other prizes for costume and performance. Door prizes will also be awarded during the event (5 or 6). Nate has secured all the televisions for the event, Les is bringing the equipment. Patty will be contacted in regards to providing concession stand for the evening. Warm up will be from 4-5, with the contest starting at 5:30.

APRIL – Sports event. The boosters are considering hosting a tournament, but not sure when. They could take over this event.

MAY – Battle of the Bands. Registration form – discussed a centralized registration process, with a confirmation packet mailed to each registered band. Ideas included a link through the Alcona School website – possible registering through this as well. Promotion will happen through facebook (Les can work through MSU Extension offices). Other places include guitar shops, area schools, and in the community. Questions can be forwarded to Nate, Les or Donna. A local KISS dress up band, will be asked to host the event. Date of the event is May 22nd. Grand prize is studio time, album cover graphics and radio play time. It was suggested to contact Bay 108 to see if they wanted to do a live satellite evening from the event. Title of the event is "Huron Shores Battle of the Bands". Ages included 12-20 years old. Confirmation packets will be mailed from CHS which will include code of conduct, rules/regulations, scoring, directions, etc. Nate will forward rough draft posters to coalition members.