

MANITOWOC CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE

April 5, 2012 – Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Linda Blahnik, Lynn Scheinoha, Ralph Kramer, June Kramer, Mary Schilder, Rita Muench, Pamela Campbell, Gloria Wallace, Dick Weber, Robert Dewane, , Annie Short, Kelly Becker, Wendy Smith, Steve Kleinfeldt

High School Members Present: Jay Skinner

High School Members not present: Cooper Schmidt, Dalton Hermans

Law Enforcement Members Present: Sgt. Bruce Jacobs, SRO Craig Jansen

Not Present: Charles Rasmussen, Chris Able, Vicki Wetenkamp

Members of the public: Atty. Mark Rohrer

1. **Roll Call:** Chairperson Linda Blahnik called the meeting to order at 7:17 P.M.
2. **Review of CPC Minutes:** The minutes of the March meeting were reviewed and Unanimously approved (m/s –Short/Becker)
3. **Treasurer’s Report:** Copies of the Treasurer’s report for December 2011 were distributed and reviewed. Mary Schilder reporting for Vicki Wetenkamp - explained account balances as of this date. Report unanimously approved (m/s – Weber/J. Kramer)
4. **Request for public input:** Annie Short brought to the committee’s attention that April is Alcohol Awareness month. Handout distributed to the committee entitled “ASAP”. This new coalition is interested in partnering with the CPC in efforts to address drug and alcohol abuse problems in the city/county. Spoke about Wisconsin being one of the worst states in the nation – there are more bars than grocery stores. The coalition is making progress and has received some grants (Federally funded) which will be used to work on current issues. Other subjects brought up included:
 - * Wrist Band project
 - * Connection between drinking and athletic ability
 - * Healthiest Manitowoc County signs with posts are available to display
 - *Consequences of hosting an underage drinking party (fine of \$1000)
5. **TRIAD update:** Sgt. Jacobs reporting: Committee met recently with 8 to 9 people in attendance and recently added 4 new members. Discussion centered around scams and alcohol abuse among youth in Manitowoc. Bruce mentioned that these members like to be active in the community. They assist police officers with neighborhood notification of placement of

newly released sex offenders into the community.

6. Retail/Financial Crime Prevention Task Force Update: No meeting this month.

7. High School Member Update: Jay reports for Lutheran High School.

There has been

some damage on school property recently. Further information can be obtained from

Officer Eckley. There have been no arrests, and no reported drug problems.

Reported

theft of 2 bicycles (one from staff). There were witnesses, but as of this date, the theft

has not been solved.

8. SRO Update: Officer John Bennett reporting: Citations exceed last years total (over 100) at this time. Recently recovered a stolen bike, and a person was charged with theft.

There has recently been some questions regarding the truancy ordinance.

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explanation of truancy, contributing to truancy (example of a mother who didn't enroll

her children in the Green Bay school district after moving to Green Bay).

9. Citizen's Academy Alumni Update: Mary Schilder reporting: The academy is

in full swing, with the current class full. Things are going well. They have elected

Mark McClaughlan as their new president. On September 12th, they will be

offering a refresher course at the MPD from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Topic is: Drugs and Alcohol use in Manitowoc County. The presentation is open to all CPC

committee members.

10. Community Partnership for Children of Manitowoc County

There was no report from this committee this evening.

11. CPC Activities/Projects/Scams: Sgt. Jacobs reporting: Has been very busy as

of late with presentation, and filling in a Lincoln High School for

Officer

Jansen who is on light duty within the department. Sgt. Jacobs will be

assisting at Lincoln for the remainder of the school year, so mentioned that it may be somewhat difficult to get a hold of him.

12. Crime Prevention of the Year Award: This award is was presented this evening prior to this meeting. Dual awards this year to Central Bark, and Chris Katz, veterinary business. Both of these businesses support the canine unit, by providing services for the dogs on a continual basis, and Central Bark also provided demonstrations at Crime Prevention Day on Bite awareness. A review of the Award ceremony took place – all committee members present felt the presentation went very well. Many committee members were present, along with Mayor Nickels, Atty. Mark Rohrer, as well as other members of the public. All agreed that having the dogs present (although not all at one time) added to the effectiveness of the ceremony. Social began at 6:00 p.m. with the presentation of the awards taking place at 6:30. Many felt that a little more time prior to our committee meeting might have been nice.

13. Dates To Remember: NEXT MEETING: May 3, 2012 will be held at the Joint Dispatch Center (1026 S. 9th Street). May 2 is Cabrini Dare graduation at the St. Francis of Assisi middle school campus at 6:30 p.m. All CPC members are welcome to attend.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 8:25 p.m.
m/s –(Skinner/R. Kramer)

Respectfully Submitted Lynn D. Scheinoha (Secretary)