

Manitowoc Crime Prevention Committee Meeting April 7, 2022

1) Roll call: Michael Laabs, Bob Dewane, Deputy Zach Smith, Amy Schoepp, Jackie LaBrie, Annie Short, Violet Salley, Steve Czekala, Nicole Palama, Barb Schmidt, Michele Thompson, Steve Kleinfeldt, Amelie Doneff, Riley Kiss, Heather Buchko, Andrew Dunbar & Melia Prange. Excused: Sgt. Paul Krock, Rita Muench, April Eisenshink, Cari Jaeger, Charles Rasmussen, & Kelly Becker.

2) Minutes: Approved. 1st Amy S., 2nd Steve K.

3) Treasurer Report: Approved. 1st by Jackie, 2nd by Steve C.

4) Request for public input: No public input.

5) Membership Matters: All spots filled. Great attendance this month.

6) TRIAD Update: Looking forward to summer picnic concert which has been on hold due to Covid.

7) High School Members Update: Amelie and Rylie reported out from Manitowoc Lutheran High School. They recently had their Easter concert. They got a break from school because freshmen and sophomores were practicing for the ACT test. Juniors recently took the ACT test. They recently had a guest speaker on respecting others and healthy environments. They also had a guest speaker discussing not drinking, smoking or other bad stuff.

8) MTPD update: City police got new patches. They have a year to switch the patches on their uniforms. Lt Delsman designed them. The city has 9 vacancies and has recently given 9 job offers. They will be in recruit school for 4 months, then will have 4 months of field training. Two new officers just finished their shadow stage and will be on their own next week. Over 500 people attended the MPPA Concert on March 25th. Scott Luchterhand was just hired to do background surveillance and crime data.

9) MTSO Update: Interviews for the dive team started. The squad cars have a new graphic design. Deputy Gomez has started at the Sheriff's Office. They have a recruit in the academy. After that all positions are full.

10) SRO Update: Wilson Junior High School had to secure in place while a nearby warrant was being executed. Quick 50 Cash has gone from \$10 to \$25 and is keeping officers busy. DARE has been completed for Roncalli and Bethany.

11) Citizens' Academy Update: They are on week 6. Officer Koenig came in with the canine. Next week is the field sobriety, where they have volunteers drink. May 3rd is their scheduled graduation. May 7th is a fundraiser at Festival foods in the Brat Barn.

12) Healthiest Manitowoc County Substance Abuse Prevention: April 30th is Take Back Drug Day in cooperation between Holy Family and Manitowoc Police Department. Delta 8 and CBD is in vending machines spotted in neighboring areas. There are reports of Marijuana being purchased on line due to other states believing we are a legal state. They are prepared to hand out Festival tool kits again this year with I.D. checkers and wrist bands.

13) InCourage: Violet reports they are at full capacity and need to hire 2 positions at this time. April 8th at 5:00 pm is Bingo night. They are also planning a zoom event with artwork and stories. April 27th at 4:40 pm at the courthouse, they will be partnering with CASA for Hands Around The Courthouse. Their denim display will be at the library that same day.

14) City Council Update: The City Council will be looking to hire 2 new attorneys. Both the City Attorney and Assistant City Attorney will be leaving.

15) CPC Activities/Project/Scams: The latest text scam responds to people knowing it's the wrong number and attempt to obtain financial information. The Chat Box is an organization that warns people not to respond or give out personal info to strangers.

Old Business: There was discussions of moving National Night Out to the Expo Center in case it rains. There was also discussion about moving it out to next year. The goal is to combine Two Rivers Police Department, Manitowoc City Police Department and The Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office.

New Business: Take Back Drug Day is scheduled April 30th at Holy Family.

Dates to remember: Next meeting May 5, 2022

End of meeting. Meeting adjourned. 1st by Jackie, 2nd by Steve C.

Minutes submitted by Lee & Melia Prange.