

**Lakeland Area Community Meeting Group
Meeting Minutes
April, 2009**

Topic	Discussion	Persons Involved
Introductions:	Introductions were done by those present; Bob Kovar, Carol Wright, Tina Peterson, Ernie St. Germaine, Craig Kerr, Matt White, Nancy Anne Miller, Cheryl Vos, Jon Berg, Jennifer Stone, Barry Will, Wesley LaBarge, John Quinn, Andrea Johnson, Kail Schepper, Kim Berken, Audri Huffman, Rachel Ackley.	Bob Kovar-facilitator
The Community Plunge	<p>Before the students arrived, the group discussed strategies to make this Plunge happen despite the lack of support from the larger, original group. As we have become more focused on taking action to get this project underway, fewer and fewer people have been attending our meetings. The group took action tonight:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We will move forward on planning the Plunge with ILI staff and key supporters present involved. 2. We will decrease the size of this event to maybe 10-12 key individual tribal and non-tribal stakeholders. 3. We will develop the Plunge in such a way as to address the real issues while finding a way to discuss existing key barriers like corruption, lack of law enforcement resources, poor enforcement of current laws, lack of community will to reduce underage drinking because of economics, no support from the media, consequences that are unevenly applied (if at all), and the general state of denial our community seems to in and more. 4. We will develop a task force-and keep it highly confidential if we need to-of these key stakeholders to try and figure out strategies to correct these primary issues. 5. We will convene this task force for the first time in June for a scaled down version of the Plunge 	Group discussion
Listening to Youth	The group spent the rest of the meeting listening to this remarkable group of youth who want to effect social change. We discussed the recent tragic death due to underage drinking and tried to help youth understand why adults are doing such a poor job of stopping these senseless deaths. The youth group wants to be involved and active and <i>they are engaged</i> . They are planning to stage a mock crash for the June Plunge group and are also working to put together a PSA for the upcoming Parents Who Host Lose The Most statewide initiative.	Group discussion
Tasks Before Next Meeting	The adults present have committed to helping the youth make this happen by the end of June. Adults will connect and recruit key stakeholders, pick a date, reserve what we need for space and transportation. Youth will continue to work on mock crash idea-developing the stories they want to depict. Adults will help answer ANY	ILI staff, Jon Berg, Nancy Anne Miller, Tina Peterson, Carol Wright, Cheryl

	questions or concerns the youth have during the process.	Vos, ILI Youth Leadership Group.
NEXT MEETING DATE:	4:00 pm – 5:30pm on May 13th, 2009 at the LUHS School Library. ILI youth will meet weekly and core adult group will connect weekly via email, phone and in person where possible.	