

**Lakeland Area Community Meeting Group
Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2008**

| Topic | Discussion | Persons Involved |
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| Introductions: | Introductions were done by those present; Bob Kovar, Sue Wolfe, Stacy Stone, Carol Wright, Pat Ustianowski, Ernie St. Germaine, Craig Kerr, Jim Bouche, Patrick Day, Cam Martin, Cathy Kurtyka, Alice McFarlane, Matt White, Andrea Johnson, John Quinn, Kail Schepper, Rachelle Ackley, Kathy Schraeder. | Bob Kovar-facilitator |
| The Community Plunge | <p>Bob described what a Community Plunge is and how each of the four core issue areas would be represented during the event. The Plunge will be an opportunity for our community to become immersed for a whole day in the issue of underage drinking from a variety of perspectives as well as how underage drinking is linked to racism, substance abuse, parenting issues and youth issues in our community. During the one day event, we will invite community/tribal leaders, law enforcement, school administrators, parents and others to come along and learn the scope of the issue as well as solutions we can begin to work on as a community to reduce underage drinking. It takes many months to plan and we'll most likely be doing this in June. The group would like Bob to bring in others from around the state who have successfully done a Plunge so we can learn how they organized and implemented their events. Bob will contact his colleagues in Marshfield to see if they will come to our next meeting to discuss. Bob asked each of the four core issue groups to continue working on the Plunge at their individual group meetings and to come to the next meeting in January with some beginning ideas on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who do you think needs to be invited to this Plunge? 2. What kinds of resources would you like/need in order to stage your portion of the event? 3. Who else needs to be involved in the planning of this Plunge? | Group discussion |
| The Community Plunge: Substance Abuse | There was representation from both the Positive Alternatives Coalition and the LdF Minobimaadiziiwin Coalition at this meeting. These groups will collaborate to plan the substance abuse portion of the Plunge. | Carol Wright, Sue Wolfe. Pat Ustianowski, Stacy Stone |
| The Community Plunge: Youth Issues | Matt and Alice brought a group of LUHS ILI After School Leadership students to the meeting to discuss their ideas for developing a safe place for youth to "hang out" in our area. This group would like to take an active role in the Plunge-telling their "story" of what youth need to be healthy and sober in our communities. | MattWhite, Alice McFarlane, Andrea Johnson,John Quinn,Kail Schepper, |

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| The Community Plunge: Racism | Cam Martin volunteered to head the group that will be looking into developing the racism side of the story-and how this is linked to underage drinking. | Cam Martin, ILI staff, Nick and Charlotte Hockings |
| The Community Plunge: Parenting | Jim Bouche shared with the group recent efforts at LUHS to develop a Parent Network and we discussed several opportunities to pull parents from around the area into the discussion and planning for the Plunge. We had a long discussion on parent involvement and how most parents still are unsure of all the resources available to them and their children in our area. Jim Bouche then showed the group the updated LUHS website-an incredibly cool tool that parents can use to become connected to LUHS school, but could also be used to communicate just about anything the community needs/has to offer. | Jim Bouche, Bob Kovar |
| NEXT MEETING DATE: | 3:30 pm – 6:00pm on January 14th, 2009 at the LUHS School Library. Watch your emails for the next agenda. | |