



September 21, 2007, 9-10:30 AM

## Meeting Minutes

North Branch Area Library

*Thanks Linda Prince for getting the key and opening the library for our meeting!!*

- ❖ Introductions (*10 Present: Stacy Spaight/Lakes & Pines, Lanay Webb, Kerry Moberg, Barb Lundeen, Rachel Fercho, Jeremy Kalin, Lisa Isaacson, Linda Prince, Kathy Blomquist, Sally Nault-Maurer*)
- ❖ Open Announcements/Updates/Resource Sharing
  - Dad's & Early Literacy Workshop, Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2007, 9-Noon; offered by the Minnesota Humanities Center at the Initiative Foundation. Registration fee is \$15 and includes materials, a children's picture book, refreshments and a box lunch. Registration deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2007. Register online at [www.minnesotahumanities.org](http://www.minnesotahumanities.org). Questions? Contact Tom Fitzpatrick, 866-268-7293, ext. 255.
  - Minnesota Work Life Champions Awards. Be recognized as an Employer of Choice. For more information: [www.worklifechampions.org](http://www.worklifechampions.org). Application due 10/31/07. Let Sally know if you'd like a copy of the flyer.
  - *From Lisa: Learn to Skate begins Saturday, Sept. 28. For more information, Lisa's email is: [lisaacson1@msn.com](mailto:lisaacson1@msn.com)*
  - *Linda shared all of the upcoming events during Oktoberfest at the library:*
    - Sat. Oct. 6: 10-Noon Book Sale*
    - Sat., Oct. 13, 10:30-2 PM Col. Jim Michaud, WWII bomber pilot reading from his memoirs*
    - Sat., Oct. 20-26 IMAGE 2007 Art Show: Sat., Oct. 20, 2-5 PM Opening Reception violinist Nathan Wilson performing, reception catered by Spectacular Catering*
    - Sun., Oct. 21, 1-4 PM Art Exhibition open, clogging performance 1:30 PM*
    - Mon.-Fri., Oct. 22-26, ARTrageous Celebration, Art exhibition continues during regular library hours**Schedules for above events available at: [www.nblfriends.org](http://www.nblfriends.org)*
  - *Barb shared information about a workshop that was 9/27, but recommended getting on the STARS email distribution list for future offerings. Call Tara at 763-271-5323, email: [tfreed@cmmhc.com](mailto:tfreed@cmmhc.com)*
  - *Barb also passed around "Recommendations to Prevent and Reduce Childhood Obesity in Minnesota" MN Dept. of Health, MN Task Force on Childhood Obesity, January 2007. If you're interested in a copy, email Barb at: [Barbara.Lundeen@state.mn.us](mailto:Barbara.Lundeen@state.mn.us)*
  - *Kerry announced a Resource Fair for Service Providers, part of IEIC to be held on October 11 from 3:45-5:30 PM*
  - *Kerry also shared information on the Baby-Toddler EXPO, Oct. 13 from 9-12*
- ❖ Statewide meeting: Barb, Donna, Kerry. How did it go? *Went well, both Barb and Kerry left with a sense that we're doing just fine as a coalition. Many ideas shared are things we've already done or worked out.*

### Coalition building:

- ❖ Why do we exist? Why are you part of the coalition? What do you bring to the group? *Sally shared an overview of the coalition's history and accomplishments. The group revisited the talents and resources each member brings to the table. Those included: experience, wisdom, connections to multiple community organizations, resource of school district, can-do attitudes, enthusiasm statewide perspective, simple solutions, large email distribution list, access and influence with people, willingness to help, ambassador for children and the coalition, technical experience and skills, organization skills, connection to different groups, passion, etc. Group discussion highlights included:*
  - the importance of evaluating and tracking numbers served by our efforts*
  - the importance of representing and speaking for the group you're affiliated with and in turn representing the coalition back with your group or circle of influence*
- ❖ What groups from the community are represented/who needs to be re-invited to join the coalition? *Sally shared a list of the original coalition members; of those no longer attending, many have either moved out of the area or taken different positions. Sally also distributed a list of current members*

*(about 13 regularly attend meetings) and a list of people that receive meeting invitations and minutes by email (about 31.) The general opinion was that we could use more members but the current number of members attending meetings kept things moving and manageable. The challenge comes when there are tasks to be done and there are just a few folks to help. One idea suggested was for each of us to act as a leader of a task team or specific task and bring the tasks back to the groups we represent for assistance. Working on tasks needs to happen outside of regular meeting time, otherwise nothing gets accomplished.*

*Groups not currently represented include:*

- *the faith community: suggested contacts included youth pastors, Sunday School Superintendent, assign a senior parish member to represent the church, Stacy will check with Head Start Advocates on approaching congregations, Jeremy suggested holding an educational meeting with pastors to explain the need and offer options for engagement (coalition members, conduits of information, etc.) and offered assistance in inviting clergy.*
- *parents of pre-school age children*
- *child care provider: Lanay knew of a grandparent that might be interested. Sally will check on the availability of a stipend to attend meetings.*
- *health care providers: Fairview was suggested*
- *law enforcement: Kathy Blomquist will explore representation from law enforcement*
- *media*

From last meeting:

- ❖ Book bins: Donna
- ❖ Community Festivals:
  - Fall Harvest Days/Vehicle Fair, Saturday Sept. 29 from 10-11 AM: Kathy Blomquist. *Thanks Kathy!!*
  - Baby Toddler Expo, Saturday, Oct. 13, 9-12 AM. Who? *Kathy Blomquist & Jeremy Kalin*
- ❖ Rotary donation: Linda Prince *Linda will report back when she hears from the Rotary.*
- ❖ Correction to last meeting minutes:
  - The group agreed to meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month.
  - Meeting change for March: Coalition meeting will be on Friday, March 28, 2008 from 9-10:30
- ❖ Ready, Set, Go: Thursday, October 25, 7-9 PM
- ❖ Local business engagement plan: Donna, Kathy, Kerry, Barb, Sally
- ❖ Year Three Projects:
  - Connect with families via newsletter focusing on late infancy & toddler development (6, 12, 18 months.) Develop a publication highlighting toddler development tailored to local resources: Kerry
  - Website development & promotion: Lisa, Kathy, Jodie
  - Ongoing fundraising/business engagement: Donna, Kathy, Kerry, Barb, Sally
  - Literacy/Book bins: Donna, Sue, Linda, Lanay
  - Ready, Set, Go: Kerry, Lanay, Sally
- ❖ Our next meeting:
  - Friday, October 26, 2007, 9-10:30 AM; North Branch Library
- ❖ Tentative Meeting Schedule for the Year:
  - The group agreed to schedule meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month in the mornings from 9-10:30 AM. Occasionally meetings will be 2 hours long; 9-11 AM. If there is a conflict with the second Friday such as it falls on a holiday or non-school day, the coalition meeting will be the following Friday. Meetings are also scheduled according to Sally's availability, thus the February meeting will be in the afternoon from 1:30-3:00 PM.*

*Tentative meeting schedule for the 07-08 year:  
Friday, September 21, 2007*

*Friday, October 26, 2007*  
*Friday, November 16, 2007*  
*Friday, December 14, 2007*  
*Friday, January 25, 2008*  
*Friday, February 15, 2008*  
*Friday, March 28, 2008*  
*Friday, April 18, 2008*  
*Friday, May 16, 2008*