

## PLE Committee Meeting Minutes 8.20.24

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Date: Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Time: 3:30pm

Location: 104 Blohm Ave, Effingham, IL in person

Attendees: Felicia Depoister, Samantha Hicks, Katy H., Toby D., Cody B., Brandy S.

- **August Candlelight Vigil**

- Date: Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 6-8:30pm
- Location- Bliss Park, Effingham
  - Sam has the supplies we ordered for the event.
- Photo discussion
  - Sam has had 1 person email her so far with a photo. She asked everyone to continue to share flyer on social media with emphasis of sending or bringing a photo.
- Food updates
  - Cupcakes from Homemade Happiness Baked Goods- Sam will pick these up the morning of the event in Altamont.
  - Drinks & cups from Sweet Tea and Jesus- Felicia said they asked her to pick the items up on Thursday before at 6pm. Felicia will cancel her recovery group for that night.
  - Snacks from Edgewood Full Gospel CR
  - ROSC can bring water. Brandy will get ice from Golden Corral (her manager said that is OK,) Sam and Katy will bring 2 large coolers.
- Speakers
  - Brandy will ask Adam S. if he is interested in sharing—she asked and he said no. Cody said he could ask Ann Marsh who is a mother who lost her son to overdose in Coles County but is from Effingham County.
- T-shirts/crafts
  - Felicia, Katy, and Libby will be in charge of collecting crafts and decorating!
  - Sam had reached out to Dondi Clay and she no longer has the campaign or can provide t-shirts. It was decided it was too late for t-shirts for this event.
- Flyers and media
  - Please share on social media and in physical locations! Toby and Cody mentioned places they have hung the flyers.
  - Sam and Felicia had 1 radio interview with Cromwell and 1 FB Live interview with the Premier Broadcasting today. There will be one more FB Live on Sept 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm.

- **September Smores Recovery Panel**

- Date: Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 5pm
- Edgewood Legion Lake
  - Toby checked in on the banner from Pepsi and they have recently changed office managers. He will check back in to see where the banner process is at.
  - Sam let group know that Problem Solving Court called her to partner for this event. They stated they will make this event the mandatory pro-social event for their problem solving court clients and their families if they wish to join
- Food/entertainment update
  - Toby has asked McMahon Meats to donate hot dogs and will ask Nuxoll after this meeting (local meat shops.)
  - New Hope Church has donated \$150 for supplies for the event—Sam suggested if we can get hot dogs donated, that we possibly raffle off something at the event. Group was in agreement contingent on the hot dogs and s'more supplies.
  - Felicia has a \$20 gift card from IGA which could cover buns. EFG will cover condiments.
  - Brandy said she got some live music to play at the event—2 guys in recovery. Sam will also bring the speaker for back up.
  - Felicia and Toby will bring bags to play. There are horse shoes at the lake. Playground and basketball hoop for kids. Pond for fishing.
  - Speakers are confirmed for the event.

- **October events**

Candy for the events has started to be collected.

- Sunrise Rotary parade- Cody confirmed using his dad's trailer for this event. The theme is 90s. Group brainstormed some ideas for the float and matching outfits.
- Cornerstone Trick or Treat Street
- Heartland Human Services Trunk or Treat

Next PLE meeting: Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30pm at 104 Blohm Ave in Effingham.