



Date: April 25, 2007

Subject: Drug Free DeSoto Task Force

Location: Board Chambers 11:00 a.m. till 11:55 a.m.

Attendees: Superintendent Cline, Spas, Parsley, Morgan, Hrstka, Miller, Goodman, Bremer, Hilaire, Carter, C., Carter, F., Mays, Vitali, Terry, Sica, Aument, Kurtz, Barnwell

Agenda Items:

Welcome: Superintendent Cline

Committee Reports:

Speakers Highlights:

Mr. & Mrs. Carter received raving comments after speaking at DeSoto County High School on Friday, April 20, 2007, to approximately 100 students.

Superintendent Cline spoke to the congregation at Freedom Fellowship approximately 100 on Wednesday, April 11, 2007. Reverend Goodman complimented Superintendent Cline for his outstanding message that was well received.

Reverend Goodman and Mr. Morgan did an excellent job at Rotary on April 24, 2007. Very informative for the Rotary Club as well as a monetary donation to help support the task force.

Lt. Aument, Lt. Mays, and Superintendent Cline hosted a community Pastor's and Youth Pastor's training on Tuesday, April 17, 2007. Training was held at the Little White House on Roberts Avenue with standing room only. Many questions were asked as well as several positive comments made.

Website:

Up and receiving several hits daily.

Youth Activities:

Mr. Hrstka reported that the DCHS Sub-Debs and Key Club are willing to sponsor a teen night. Both clubs are pulling their information together to present to the County Commission regarding the use of the Turner Center. Tentative date would be sometime in September calling it the 'Back to School' Dance.

Mr. Carter will make contact with the Bluffs and City of Arcadia Golf Course to schedule a fundraiser golf tournament in February 2008.

Cathy Miller and Reverend Goodman will speak with Marshal Lee regarding the closing of the streets for the 5 K Walk to be held on September 29, 2007. This event will also go before the City Council which meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. The following task force members working on the 5 K Walk is as follows:

Cathy Miller
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Carter
Jon Sica
Sara Spas
Trent Terry
Penny Kurtz
Glenda Lewis
Marshal Lee
Dawn Hilaire
Sharon Goodman

Several Youth Pastors made comments after the April 17, 2007 training that they would like to be involved as chaperones and coordinating youth events.

Drug Treatment for Youth:

The last three years of drug and alcohol data will be provided for the County Commissioners to review when they are approached for funding.

Public Relations:

Sara Spas reported that the Drug Free DeSoto Brochures are out in the community. Please advise Sara if you are planning to speak at an event and would like to provide brochures.

Gangs:

Lt. Mays reported that there is NO new activity at this time. Question was asked; what makes up a gang? There are eight identifiers listed for gang titles. The group must meet

two of the eight to be considered a gang. Lt. Mays will provide this information to be posted on our website.

Drug-Free DeSoto Writing Contest:

Contest rules and due dates have been released to all schools.

Task Force Member Reports:

None

Other Items:

Superintendent Cline proudly reported that DeSoto County High School HOSA is ranked first in the state for their community education project on under age drinking.

Schedule Next Meeting:

Wednesday, June 6, 2007, at 11:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers