

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
NEW LENOX SAFE COMMUNITIES AMERICA COALITION**

Meeting 14-09

**Held at the New Lenox Police Department / Training Room
701 W. Haven Avenue New Lenox, IL 60451
Wednesday October 29, 2014 / 2:30 p.m.**

Call to Order

Dan Martin called the meeting of the New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition to order at 2:30pm.

In Attendance

Daniel Martin/NLPD, Allison Anderson/Will County Health Department, Arnie Pilmonas/AVP Counseling, Gary Cheney/ShareFest, Holly Pierson/Lincoln-Way West High School, Joe Enzenberger/Dryer Vent Wizard of Will County, Kathie Johnson/New Lenox Township, Lauren Lotz/New Lenox Community Park District, Lisa Kline/SBT Bank, Liz Schwenke/Presence St. Joseph Medical Center, Noe Santiago/Pinnacle Physical Therapy, Phil Pfeifer/Sports Brain and Tracy Simons/Silver Cross Hospital.

Also in attendance were the following:

- Al Murry, Chair of the Emergency Preparedness Task Group
- Patricia Steinkamp, Chair of the Suicide Prevention and Awareness Task Group
- Analiese Moyer with the American Red Cross
- Kimberly Koning with AVP Counseling
- Meredith Dobes with the New Lenox Patriot

Approval of the September 24, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the September 24, 2014 meeting were sent to members via email prior to the meeting. Lauren Lotz made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Liz Schwenke. After no further discussion, the motion carried and the minutes were approved.

New Business

New Membership

Phil Pfeifer, an original member of the New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition when employed by AthletiCo, provided a presentation at the August 27, 2014 meeting on behalf of his new employer Sports Brain. Phil expressed an interest in representing Sports Brain based on common goals and interests. Dan Martin reminded those in attendance about Phil's August presentation and advised that it made sense for Phil and Sports Brain to collaborate. Dan asked for a motion to bring Sports Brain on board, which was made by Lauren Lotz. Joe Enzenberger provided a second to the motion. After no further discussion, the motion passed and Sports Brain, represented by Phil Pfeifer, became a new partner. Dan Martin congratulated Phil and advised that he looked forward to working with Phil and Sports Brain moving forward.

New Lenox Patriot Weekly Column

Dan Martin advised those in attendance that Meredith Dobes, Editor of the New Lenox Patriot, afforded the New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition an opportunity to write a weekly column for the Patriot. Meredith, who was in attendance, further described the opportunity to include that the column would be approximately 500

words and would be generated weekly from each of the Safe Communities' seven Task Groups. Dan advised that he would generate a schedule where the articles would be due to him every Wednesday so he could proof them and send them to Meredith by Friday. Meredith added that in addition to the article, she would need a photograph (head shot) from each of the writers to accompany the article. A discussion ensued regarding the opportunity, after which everyone was in favor of the new opportunity. Dan thanked Meredith and the New Lenox Patriot for the opportunity.

New Lenox Safe Communities America Re-Accreditation in 2015

Dan Martin advised that the Village of New Lenox and its Safe Communities America Coalition is scheduled for re-accreditation in 2015. Dan advised that the original accreditation was in June 2010 and re-accreditation is required every five years. Dan advised that the Safe Communities America Application for Accreditation is in the process of being redesigned by the National Safety Council (Certifying Center for the U.S.). Once the application format has been completed, Dan will share the format with everyone at a future meeting, perhaps in early 2015.

Old Business

Task Group Reports

Youth Sports, Health and Safety

Dan advised that Jessica Jepsen has taken a new position with Chiro One Wellness Centers. As such, Erin McClintock will be replace Jessica on the New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition and Citizen Corps Council as well as the Safe Communities' Youth Sports, Health and Safety Task Group. Katie Christopherson was not able to attend the meeting and as such, no report was available. Dan Martin stated that he looked forward to Phil Pfeifer's participation in this Task Group.

Workplace Safety

No report.

Suicide Prevention and Awareness

Patricia Steinkamp advised that she is moving forward with "Healing Hearts" a group for those that have Lost loved ones to suicide. Patricia advised that the first Healing Hearts meeting has been scheduled for Monday November 17, 2014 / 7:00pm at the New Lenox Police Department 200 Veterans Parkway.

Dan Martin advised that the Suicide Prevention and Awareness Task Group, in partnership with Sertoma Centre, will host another QPR Class on November 6, 2014 in the Community Room at the New Lenox Village Hall.

Poisoning by Prescription Drug Overdose

Arnie Pilmonas provided a synopsis of the prescription drug overdose event "Coming to Light – The Dark Side of Prescription Medications" which was held on September 24, 2014 at 7:00pm in the Community Room at the New Lenox Village Hall. Rachel Ridge did an outstanding job as the main presenter and was joined by a doctor from Clinical Associates in Medicine. Arnie's contact, a woman still in recovery from prescription medications, also provided a very heartwarming presentation to approximately 35 attendees. Dan Martin thanked Arnie, Rachel and others that worked to put together a very successful event.

Motor Vehicle / Traffic Safety

No Report.

Older Adults Falls Prevention

Noe Santiago advised that the Older Adults Falls Prevention Task Group, met on October 22, 2014 and discussed the National Fall Prevention Awareness Event which was held at the Presence Healing Arts Pavilion.

Noe noted that attendance numbers were somewhat disappointing, but it was a first effort for the Older Adults Falls Prevention Task Group. Noe commented that more time was needed to promote the event and that it would probably be better if all activities were in closer proximity, rather than being on the 1st and 2nd floors. The Task Group will do a better job surveying seniors to determine what they would like to see presented at next year's event. Additional marketing ideas included publishing the event in the New Lenox Community Park District's Fall Catalog, through ShareFest, at the Annual TRIAD Conference, at the VFW fish fry, and through church bulletins.

Noe advised that Matter of Balance Class #9 (VFW class) just graduated on October 27th. Matter of Balance Class #10 is still in session at the United Methodist Church and will graduate on November 12th. Matter of Balance Class #11 is also in session and will graduate on December 4th at the New Lenox Public Library.

Noe advised that the Task Group discussed dates, times, locations, and coaches for the Spring 2015 Matter of Balance Classes. The following Matter of Balance Classes were tentatively scheduled:

- MOB Class #12 – Mondays, 9:30am to 11:30am, March 23rd thru May 11th at the VFW
- MOB Class #13 – Wednesdays, 1:00pm to 3:00pm, April 8th thru May 27th at the New Lenox Public Library or possibly St. Jude's Catholic Church
- MOB Class #14 – Tuesdays, 9:30am to 11:30am, April 28th thru June 16th at the New Lenox Police Department

Emergency Preparedness

Al Murry provided those in attendance with a synopsis of the Emergency Preparedness Task Group's activities. Al mentioned that CERT Class #9 graduated on Saturday October 25, 2014. CERT Class #9 graduates did an excellent job during their final exercise. Previous New Lenox CERT graduates served as role players and evaluators.

New Lenox CERT members participated in the 5th Annual Prairie State CERT Challenge on October 18, 2014. The New Lenox team performed very well, taking 2nd place.

New Lenox CERT / MRC members held training on October 15, 2014. The training included a presentation on the Ebola virus and the Enterovirus D68.

New Lenox CERT staffed a table at New Lenox Fire Protection District Station #1 on October 11, 2014 during their Open House.

Announcements / Organization Updates

Those in attendance shared current news and events relevant to their organizations. Dan advised that he would be willing to forward electronic copies of materials that would be beneficial to the group.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday February 25, 2015 / 2:30pm**. The meeting will be held in the Community Room at the New Lenox Village Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:45pm.