

## **River Valley Rising Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** December 15, 2014

**Location:** Rumford Public Library

**Time:** 11am

**Attendance:** Erin Wainwright (RSU10), Denise Cross (Dept. of Corrections), Michael Webber (RSU10), Patty Duguay (RVHCC), Sandy Witas (RVHCC), Stacy Carter (Rumford PD), Brenna Parent (MVMS), Barb Radmore (Early Aspirations Task Force)

### **Vote on a New Coalition Name**

Barb Radmore came up with the idea "River Valley Rising," everyone voted to change the name from River Valley Drug Free Youth to River Valley Rising.

Next is the logo, Allie and Denise both worked on some doodles which will be sent to Ink Plaza to come up with some designs that we can vote on. We want to keep the green and blue colors.

### **Vote Roy into Chair Position**

Denise Cross was nominated as our co-chair. Patty Duguay motioned to have Roy Hodson as Chair and Denise Cross as co-chair, Chief Carter seconded and everyone voted yes.

### **Adopt the Bylaws**

Allie went over the bylaws with everyone. We talked about how we need to fill the youth sector and the business sector. Linda from Circle K was going to fill the business sector but couldn't commit because of meeting times. Many ideas came up about the business sector - someone from Rite-Aid, Hannaford, Mexico One Stop, or the Hotel Rumford. Later in the day Nick Waugh from the Hotel Rumford accepted to fill the sector position. We're hoping that someone from the Mexico Explorers will fill the youth sector or possibly a middle school student who can participate for the entire length of the grant. We also talked about how we can change our focus of the grant if something happens in the community where marijuana and alcohol are no longer top priorities. To do this we have to make a proposal and get approval from the DFC people. Chief Carter motioned to adopt the bylaws, Barb Radmore seconded, all voted yes.

### **Allie & Kelsey Discuss DC Trip**

Allie and Kelsey went over their recent trip to Washington, DC for the DFC New Grantees Meeting. There was a lot of good information and training. They will be sending out information they learned from DC over the next few weeks.

### **Review Action Plan**

Now that we have our name we can really start working on stuff and putting ourselves out there. Things will really start to move forward in January.

### **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be Monday, January 12, 2015 at 11am at Mountain Valley High School in Barb Radmore's Room.