

Meeting Notes: 2/26/09

Attendees: Bob Davidson, Kelly Traczyk, Will Andresen, Jeanne Graham

We discussed the possibilities of making connections with existing groups and organizations to strengthen our ties and the student's ties to the community. There are quite a few opportunities that exist in the area that we could build upon. Our strength in this group is influential members of the GCC staff, UW-Extension, as well as strong ties to the area schools and organizations.

The following day, I attended a grant committee meeting with Sandra Genisot, Head of Project Zero a grant funded program, focused on providing high school students with alcohol-free engagement opportunities. Sandra has had a positive response in attendance and holds weekly Zero Hour sessions with the students. She is currently writing a federally funded grant which would drastically expand her program capabilities over the next five to ten years. There is a coalition of organizations backing this programming and could provide for some possible connections to our group. In the initial grant writing stages, there are not specific roles defined for such a partnership but could emerge over time. The grant has a late March deadline with a disbursement date of October 1, 2009.

Due to inclement weather we decided to reschedule at a later date.