



June 8, 2006

Meeting held at 1 p.m. at South Bend Central Fire Station

All in attendance introduced self and filled out an information card that will be used for contact by Safe Kids only.

Past history of Safe Kids of St. Joseph County was discussed.

- Participation not regular
- Stats not consistent
- No real commitment

Things brought up that would like to see.

- Calendar sent out, regular meetings
- Opportunities available
- Commitment by all
- Good programs (bike, car seat, safetyville)

Goals:

1. *Let the community know that we exist.
2. Offer quality seasonal activities (walk to school day?)
3. *After 5 years of functioning become a entity as a place to go for safety info.

Membership drive: Try to email someone or agency that may be interested in participating in Safe Kids and invite them to a meeting.

Suggestions for agencies that may be interested in Safe Kid:

Red Cross
Churches

Suggestions for things we as Safe Kids members could do to help our community.

Car Seat Checks
Violence and ways to help combat it.
Playground safety
Poisoning
Teen Suicide
Shaken Baby

Respectfully Submitted,

Alice Blakesley

Next Meeting: July 20, 2006 1 p.m. Park in the church parking lot.

Safe Kids of St. Joseph County
July 20, 2006

Attendance:

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Minutes of the first two meetings were given to those in attendance and will be emailed to all on the email list.

Sgt. Tim Williams attended and introduced. Tim discussed and interest in bullying and stranger danger. He will be taking a class with DARE on bullying. Also discussed that the Safe Kids has been very active in the Car Seat safety in the past and we should continue with this.

Reviewed purpose of Safe Kids.

Discussed the three goals.

1. Let the community know we exist.
2. Offer quality seasonal activities.
3. After 5 years of functioning, become an entity as a place to go for safety information.

Plan for Fall Activity:

Mishawaka School system has no busing so it was suggested that we work on a walk to school event in one of the Mishawaka elementary schools. Battel was selected as Tim Williams is aware that a lot of children walk to school. He will contact Jill Hassel at Battel and discuss the possibility of us doing an informational presentation with the children. Also suggested was to have a crossing guard come and talk with the students.

Date to be determined.

Alice will check with Keisha about Back to School information that Safe Kids may have.
Ron will inform Fox 28 of the date and time.

New Business:

Car Seat Events:

August 12 at Babies – R- US. (9-12)

September 30 Babies – R – Us (9-12)

Techs needed and volunteers to help with scribing, baby watch, and other duties.

CPST Course September 11 -14 Elkhart County Health Department

Ron has list serve email list for any Safe Kids volunteer to contact the whole group.

www.safekids-sjc@germantwp.com

Tim Williams suggested that this Safe Kids group go for coalition status. Will discuss further at the next meeting.

Next Meeting Scheduled for August 17, 2006. 1 p.m. Location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Blakesley

Safe Kids of St. Joseph County
General Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2006

Attendance: See Attached

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved with one correction to the e-mail address.

Corrected Safe Kids **e-mail** is safekids-sjc@germantwp.com

Financial Report: \$65.00 from donations at Car Seat Check on August 12.

Old Business:

Walk to School program at Battell Elementary on October 3, 4 or 5. An assembly like program that will last approx. 30-45 minutes depending on the age of the children will be offered. Two or three presentation will be offered with groups broken down by K-1, 2-3, and 4-6 or K-3 and 4-6. Presenters would include members from Safe Kids. We would offer handouts to the children to reinforce the information offered. An evaluation form will be given to the teachers to be returned to Safe Kids. An offer to the PTO/A for a member of Safe Kids to talk to the parents about the program will be made through a letter with the information of the presentation and an invitation to the parents to attend the presentation. Contact has been made with the principle and we are waiting on a reply.

Update on August 12, 2006 Safe Kids Seat Check (Paige)

Checked 23 seats. 82% were either incorrect seats or installed incorrectly. Had a great turnout of people wanting seats check by low turnout of techs.

CPST Course September 11-14, 2006. Contact Elkhart County Health Department.

CPST Course August 31, September 1, September 8 and 9. North Liberty Police

Chapter vs. Coalition: It was discussed that we start out as a Chapter and as we continue to progress then possibly move toward Coalition status.

New Business:

Bank Account: Ron checked into Firefighter Credit Union and there are no fees. May have to purchase checks initially and have two or three people sign checks. No checks will be issued for reimbursement without a receipt or prior approval of the Safe Kids group with the expectation of receipts being turned in and record of what was purchased documented.

Polo Shirts or T-shirts: It was decided to have white shirts and everyone who wants the logo place on a shirt must purchase their shirt and bring to the next meeting and Ron will arrange to have the logo placed on the shirt. If we are doing an event and you are not wearing your work uniform we would like you to wear the shirt to represent Safe Kids of St. Joseph County.

Publicity: We continue to get our name out in St. Joseph County and Ron will inform the media of our plans at Battell school once they are confirmed and closer to the date.

Banner: Florence Jennings will check with Brett from the Sign Shop about producing a sign with the Safe Kids of St. Joseph County Logo, may be a small cost and some advertisement from the sign shop for their donation.

Thank you note to the Elkhart County Safe Kids for use of their equipment on August 12 will be sent by Paige.

In response to the recent tragedy of the unrestrained 4 y/o Latino girl who died after a crash on South Bend's West Side the Safe Kids Chapter will be offering a Car Seat Safety Check possibly on September 23 in the morning. Arrangements are being made to have this check point at the Martins on Western Avenue and Spanish interpreters are being recruited to assist with this function. Paige is working on getting a Priest from one of the West side parishes to come and bless the car seats as this is very much a cultural thing. Mark your calendars, even if you're not a CPST tech all your help is needed.

Next Meeting September 21, 2006, 1 p.m. at the South Bend Central Fire Station

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Blakesley
Co-coordinator Safe Kids St. Joseph County

Safe Kids of St. Joseph County
General Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2006

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Financial Report: \$65.00 from donation at Safe Kids Car Seat check

Old Business: Walk to School at Battell Elementary will be October 5, 2006 (change requested per principal) Will have Tim Williams speak along with a crossing guard and Alice will present on backpack safety and the weight of backpacks. We should be receiving 300.00 to help with the program. Will stuff backpacks with school supplies for a random drawing for the teachers. Safe Kids plans on purchasing a new vest for the crossing guard. All who plan on coming arrive around 8:30.

Sign: Florence will be checking into the cost of a small 3x5 sign for Safe Kids and order if a reasonable amount.

Car Seat Safety Check held on September 23. Need volunteers. Safe Kids of St. Joseph Co. received approx. 50 car seats from the Automotive Safety Program to distribute to the needy. Let's all work together and have a great turn out.

New Business:

Car Seat Check on Saturday September 30, 2006 from 9-12. Babies R Us. Need volunteers to help make this a success. Safe Kids will receive a \$100.00 gift card to be used as determined.

Lead Agency: Memorial will be the lead agency temporarily until it is determined if the Clay FD will take on the responsibility.

Logo: Logo of Safe Kids is available to have embroidered on your shirt. Just bring in a shirt of your choice with \$5.00 and Ron will make arrangements to have it done.

Next Meeting Thursday October 26, 2006. 10 am. Location will be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alice Blakesley
Safe Kids of St. Joseph
Co-coordinator



Safe Kids of St. Joseph County
General Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2006

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Financial Report: \$65.00 from donation at Safe Kids Car Seat check

Old Business: Walk to School at Battell Elementary was held on October 5, 2006 and seemed to go over well with the students and teachers alike. Backpacks were distributed to 5 teachers after a random drawing, the backpacks contained school supplies for the classrooms. Still investigating on when the check will arrive.

Sign information still pending.

CPST course none scheduled at present time. Will look into further dates. Tim Williams will plan on doing one in the early spring.

Polo Shirts can be embroidered with the Safe Kids Logo. Bring shirt to meeting with \$5.00 and will get to Ron Melser to get done.

New Business:

Car Seat Check on Saturday November 11, 2006 from 10-12. Martins Supermarket on Bittersweet. Techs needed.

Plans for 2007

Ideas

- Bicycle Safety
- Car Safety – back up with small kids
- Lamp safety – burning candles
- Halloween Safety
- Toy Safety

Flo will send Fed/Ex and invitation to participate in the chapter.

Poison Control information - Plan to make a collection of poison look alike. Collect and bring to the next meeting. Can be empty cans or containers.

Next Meeting Thursday January 8, 2007 11:00 am. Location at the Community Coordinated Child Care, Inc. 3606 E. Jefferson Blvd. Suite 240 Phone 289-7815 ext 219.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alice Blakesley
Safe Kids of St. Joseph
Co-coordinator



Agenda for January 8, 2007 Meeting

Attendance: Sign-in
Minutes of Previous meeting:
Financial Report:

Old Business:

Polo Shirts

CPST Course

Safe Kids Sign

Fed/ Ex employee participation

Poison Control information

New Business:

CPS Week 2007 February 17, 2007 , 11-3. Grant received. Will discuss at length at the meeting. Need volunteers.

Next Meeting: