



November 17, 2022, 12:00 PM  
Next meeting: January 2023

- **Welcome & Introductions:**
- **SADD Update:** Justin Noel
- **OMPP Update:** Justin Noel
- **Northern Lights Year Recap:** Katie Wargo
  - Year recap
  - Goals for the remainder of the year
- **Officers & Elections:** Denise Williams: Pushing back to 01/26/2022
  - Capacity before implementation.
  - Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer
  - Nominations & Elections:
    - Goal to start: 01/26/2022
    - Goal to implementation: 04/27/22
    - Start Date: FY24 through the end of FY26 (2-year position)
- **FY23 Strategies & Implementation:** Mindi Garrett
  - Capacity Building: Next meeting, Bring **ONE** friend!
  - Safe County Alliance
  - Responsible Beverage Service Training/ Narcan
  - Needs Assessment
    - Youth & Adult Listening Sessions
    - We currently have 2 youth and 1 adult session set up, we are looking for 1 more adult session
- **Sound of Silence:** Denise Williams
  - Break until January 2023: Check Schedule Genius for upcoming sign-ups
- **Video Game Project: Meeting of the Minds:** Mindi Garrett
  - Session Sign-Ups: [www.preventsubstanceuse.org/game](http://www.preventsubstanceuse.org/game)
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Denise Williams
  - Haunted House of Addiction:
  - SADD Conference
    - Planning for next year to start 03/01/23
  - Survey Distribution
    - Note taker for Listening sessions
  - SADD Conference: Reach out to Justin Noel

NORTHERN LIGHTS Coalition meeting minutes November 17th, 2022  
(Eastern District Police Station)

**Attendees (in person)** Katie Wargo, Mindi Garrett (DOH), Harlie Kaminski (NHS), Denise Williams, Jennifer Wheeler (New Life), Stephanie Evans (Harvest Resources), Brian Washington (Military Drug resources)  
**(Virtual)** Michael Dorsey, Justin Noel (SADD), Holly Frye (community member)

Katie started the meeting with introductions.

She gave Kudu's to Justin Noel from the OIT for a job well done.

Justin Noel gave an update on the SADD clubs. He currently has 13 active clubs throughout the county. This includes schools and social groups. He gave an update on the SADD convention (January 20, 2023). All the guest speakers and breakout sessions have been confirmed and the agenda has been made. This will include SOS and HofH. He and Lousie are going to meet with Harlie to visit NHS and get an idea of the set-up

He also expressed an interest in getting SADD students to attend coalition meetings virtually and to become an ambassador to each coalition.

His update regarding the OMPP is right on track.

Katie gave a yearly recap for Northern Lights. Overall a very productive year with TIPS training, Narcan training and SOS assemblies.

Goals for the upcoming year is to increase community involvement.

Nominations for Officers and Elections will be put off until next year due to low members and stakeholders.

Katie asked for suggestions for capacity building. Holly said part of the reason for low membership is we just keep reviewing the strategies dictated by our funding and don't have community or volunteer opportunities. If we had two separate meetings (one for the ones to review strategies and the other to increase volunteer opportunities. Holly also said to give them titles such as "Ambassadors" to increase their importance to the coalition. Everyone seemed to like the idea. Katie also reminded Mindi that SOS has such a large volunteer opportunity that most people can't spare any more time for the coalition. It was suggested we join the PBA (Pasadena Business Ass and schedule a sit down with County Executive Pittman. We plan to work on this for the next meeting in January 2023.

Mindi said the Safe County Alliance is not going as well as we wanted it to. Katie said the feedback from most bars and restaurants is the coalitions aren't doing enough for them to want to be part of the alliance. Katie and Denise suggested having a voted "best of" award for the establishments who meet all the requirements. They will get free media exposure from us if they earn the title. Mindi liked the idea and said we would further discuss it at the leadership meeting.

Katie said we have three Needs Assessment listening sessions booked. (TCP, NHS athletes and parents). It was suggested that she contact Youth of Christ and Joy of Life at the YMCA for other sessions.

Katie reminded everyone to check the sign up genius for SOS panel sign ups. Harlie reminded Katie that when booking SOS in the first quarter to have a backup date for bad weather conditions.

Next meeting will be in January of 2023.