

## KASC Safety Awareness Meeting on January 20, 2009 at Piccadilly Cafeteria

In attendance: Gene Faxon, Harold Gillenwater, Tom Patton, Randy Cassell, Teresa Fulwiler, Pearl Dotson, Reba Kinsler, Ginny Brennan, Marion Bailey, Mike Livingston, Angel Vicars, Tom Baker, Gail Plum, Max Middleton, and guest speaker Tammi Dye.

The meeting was called to order, and Tom Patton opened with prayer. Vice President Reports – Max gave an update on the Seminar Committee meeting, and everything is on schedule. This event will take place on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at the Eastman Toy F. Reid Employee Center. Jean Rhea distributed a flyer to our membership so everyone can reserve the date. It was noted that the committee is cutting back on expenses in case of a reduction in attendance due to the economic downturn. Jill Davenport of Wellmont had advised Gene that their financial support for the Car Control Clinics will change this year, so the money KASC budgeted for these events will likely be utilized. Tom Patton had suggested recognition of Domtar for their one year accident free performance, so we sent them a letter of congratulations. Mike Livingston reported the date for the Kids Safety Fair on May 6, 2009. Our Board meetings will be held at a different location beginning in February. Jean Rhea will distribute this information to Board members. Everyone welcomed first time visitor Ginny Brennan with Grainger.

Our speaker today was Tammi Dye, Public Health Educator from the Sullivan County Regional Health Department. She distributed eye-catching folders with the cover title, “Butts Are Gross” containing pamphlets and flyers pertaining to her topics: Teen Violence and Hazards of Smoking. This included 25 things everyone should know about bullying, and how to band together to stop dating, domestic and sexual violence. She pointed out that both males and females can be victims. Violence is used to gain power and control over another person. She explained the teen power and control wheel from her handouts. Considering that very young children may not recognize wrongful actions of perpetrators, parents are encouraged to be involved, talking openly to their children so we can better protect them from becoming a victim. Some of the attendees shared personal stories of tragedy they were aware of relating to peer pressure in school. She talked briefly regarding dangers associated with smoking as well as legislative attempts to reduce exposure to second-hand smoke. She touched on the handouts that list Tobacco Facts and emphasized the need to understand just how dangerous smoking is to our health. She talked about the tools available and pointed out numerous websites for additional resources.

Tammi gave Gene a copy of two DVD’s entitled “Secondhand Smoke-Triumphs and Tragedies” and “Stop Smoking Now: Reasons Not to Smoke When You’re Pregnant.” You can obtain these from Gene or contact Tammi directly at [tdye@sullivanhealth.org](mailto:tdye@sullivanhealth.org) if you would like to have your own copy. Tammi advised that her programs are available for churches, work, school or other groups. The meeting was adjourned, and a gift was delivered to our speaker. Our speaker next month will be Whitney Allen-Carr, Business Development Coordinator with Gilbert Advanced Asset Management, Inc. Special thanks to Pearl Dotson for recording these minutes.



Tammi explains the purpose of her presentation and discusses the information that was distributed in the folders



Members browse through some of the pamphlets and flyers



Tom Patton of KPD offers additional questions/comments