

Wednesday, September 19, 2007, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

\*Signed in present members

\*Donna Bruce from the Compassionate Heart Ministry shared about this relatively new ministry in Zeeland that she has started. The program provides a type of “drop-in” event for teenagers and young adults with special needs on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 3:00-8:00 p.m. They can have dinner, play games, help with some service activities, participate in a worship service on Tuesday nights, and just hang out! The purpose of this is that mentors are there with the youth, spending time with them and developing relationships. Donna is looking for some more Hope students that would be interested in being mentors and volunteering with this program. The program is flexible; those interested in learning more about this program can email [cec@hope.edu](mailto:cec@hope.edu). There is also a possible week-long summer program to get involved with. We connected Donna with the Exceptional Child professors for the possibility of turning this into a field placement.

\*Discussed formal membership and a leadership conference

\*Discussed upcoming events in greater detail:

\*Friday Night Bowling Event: We are meeting this Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in front of the Library so that we can walk over to Holland Lanes together! This shouldn't be longer than an hour, and you can stay as long as you want/can. The guys really love having the support, and it is a lot of fun!

\*Homecoming Parade/Game: This will be on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. The parade starts at 1:00 p.m., and we are meeting the group homes outside of the Library at 12:30 p.m. We'll be passing out candy and walking with the banner! The football game starts at 2:00 p.m. You will be able to sign-up for volunteering at this event at our next meeting, or through email.

\*Halloween Party: The party will be on Wednesday, October 31 at 6:30 p.m., hopefully in Van Zoeren 247. We will discuss this event further at the next meeting.

\*Reverse Field Trip: November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> do not work for the teacher that is going to bring her classroom. Deciding a new date for this is in progress!

\*IMPORTANT: We chose a design and color for the CEC T-shirts at the meeting tonight. On the front, it will say Council for the Exceptional Children, with the C,E, and C bolded. Under this will be the Person First Language logo, which you can view at this link: <http://hope.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2210345236>. Under the logo it will say Hope College. The color is a light blue with white lettering, and it shouldn't be anymore than \$10. If you want to order a T-shirt, please email [cec@hope.edu](mailto:cec@hope.edu) before Friday with your size.

\*Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5-6 p.m. in Van Zoeren 247

