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January 21, 2004 – Meeting Minutes

Fair Lawn Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Sgt. Boyle

Attendance: Those present at the beginning of the meeting were Sgt. Boyle, Mike Weil, Chuck Logan, Bea Sparber and Cindy Martinez. Carol Wagner, Lorraine Fleming and Eileen Yeager joined the meeting later as it was in progress.

Copies of the December 17th meeting minutes were distributed to those present. However, there was no vote to accept the minutes because there were not six people authorized to vote present.

Treasurer's Report- Chuck Logan reported that there is \$5,733.16 in the checking account. There was one expenditure in the amount of \$1,872 for New Jersey Devils tickets. There was one deposit for \$1900 for Devil's Tickets. He reported that the amount of the CD is the same as last month because there has been no activity on the account.

Grant Coordinator's Report- Sgt. Boyle distributed copies of the grant expenditures for the year 2003 that had been prepared by Carol Wagner. Due to a minor accounting error, the amount funded for the Fair Lawn High School's Valentine's Day event needed to be reduced from \$600 to \$554 in order not to exceed the \$17,500 cap.

Valentine's Day event at Fair Lawn High School- Mike Weil reported that the DJ who will be employed for the event has agreed to accept a price of \$554 rather than the \$600 originally quoted so that the Student Council will not have to make up the difference. Mike Weil presented a copy of the invoice from the DJ which was later forwarded to Mrs. Wagner. A discussion regarding Valentine's Day events at the Middle Schools took place later in the meeting after Mrs. Yeager arrived.

Fundraisers-

N.J. Devils- Sales of tickets will end on January 30th. It has been advertised on Channel 77 and The Shopper News. There have been 253 sales so far with a profit of \$1012.

N.J. Nets- The Nets have reportedly refused to offer a better ticket sale plan to the Alliance. Therefore there is no change in plans to hold a Nets fundraiser

Kid Stuff Coupons- Sales have been low. Cindy Martinez stated that many other organizations are selling these books such as schools. Mrs. Wagner will look into extending the time permitted to sell the books.

Recycling Program- Materials for this program have been ordered and the Health Dept. is waiting to receive them.

Bicycle Helmets- These will be sold at the Bicycle Rodeo on April 24th.

Recruitment- Sgt. Boyle announced that Mrs. Wagner had informed him that 269 postcards had been mailed.

Mission Statement- A copy of Teaneck's Municipal Alliance's Mission Statement that was posted on the Township of Teaneck's website as well as a rough draft of a Mission Statement prepared by Carol Wagner was distributed to all persons present. They were asked for their ideas. Chuck Logan suggested that we specifically mention in our Mission Statement that we hold fundraisers to meet the matching requirement of our grant. Mr. Logan also suggested that we mention that one of our major purposes is to educate the community. Cindy Martinez noticed on the Teaneck website that they had referral numbers for their residents to call. She suggested that we attach them for Fair Lawn at the bottom of our Mission Statement. Bea Sparber suggested that the referrals be investigated in order to determine which ones people would be most likely to use. Mike Weil stated that High School students could be surveyed via their Health classes. He will investigate that possibility with the High School. We will attempt to have a Mission Statement available for vote at our March meeting.

Campgaw Mountain Family Ski Night- Sgt. Boyle reported that Campgaw Mountain Ski Resort does not accommodate groups on Friday, Saturday or Sunday nights because business is good on those nights. Going on a weekday is undesirable because there is usually school the next day. Sgt. Boyle reported that the possibility of a "Beach Party" may be held instead at Memorial Pool in June on a night when the pool is usually closed. A DJ and lifeguards could be paid for by either the Alliance or DARE if the Borough were to grant permission for such an activity.

Bike Rodeo- Sgt. Boyle reported that the Bicycle Rodeo will be held at Memorial Middle School on April 24th between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The rain date is May 1st. It is held in cooperation with State Farm Insurance.

Carol Wagner arrived at the meeting. She explained that she had just come from a County Meeting for Alliance Presidents and Grant Coordinators that explains the new Needs Assessment procedure. She distributed the Readiness Assessment Tool that she obtained at the meeting to all members present and asked them to complete it by the next meeting in March.

Mrs. Wagner stated that the County will be holding another workshop for Alliance members on February 26th and asked that as many members as possible make themselves available that day.

Eileen Yeager presented a letter from the Student Council of Memorial Middle School indicating acceptance of our offer to fund their Valentine's Day event for \$125. She stated that Mr. Egan of Thomas Jefferson Middle School, Student Council Advisor will forward a letter indicating acceptance of our offer. Sgt. Boyle stated that he planned to see Mr. Egan the following day as he is a teacher in one of Sgt. Boyle's DARE classes and will obtain the letter from him at that time.

Ms. Yeager passed around a copy of a newsletter called Helping Hand that she proposed purchasing and mailing to all Middle School parents. Members present agreed that the newsletter appeared to be a useful resource for parents. The price for the newsletter is \$509. Ms. Yeager will find out how much the mailing costs will be on the Board of Education's Permit. There was a consensus that the Alliance should reimburse the Board of Education for mailing costs under their bulk mail permit rather than mail the newsletters themselves.

Chuck Logan made a motion to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Mike Weil seconded the motion.

ADDENDUM TO THE MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes of the December 17, 2003 meeting were approved by email vote with a vote of seven in favor to accept the minutes as presented. At the January 21, 2004 meeting, there was insufficient quorum to vote on the acceptance of the minutes.