

Fair Lawn Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention

Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2010

Meeting Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Fair Lawn Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (FLASAP) was called to order by Vice Chairperson Cindy Martinez at 7:43 PM due to the late arrival of sufficient FLASAP members. The meeting was held in Room 201 of the Fair Lawn Municipal Bldg., 8-01 Fair Lawn Ave, Fair Lawn, NJ.

Attendance:

A sign in sheet was circulated. Present were: President Derek Bastinck, Vice President Cindy Martinez, Lorraine Fleming, Council Liaison Jeanne Baratta, Dennis Carney, Dave Reiter, Lisa Yourman, and Carol Wagner. Also present was Claude Bienstock a concerned citizen, and Alyssa Martinez, student of FLHS and Eileen Yeager, SAC @ Fair Lawn Middle Schools.

Approval of Minutes:

The Minutes of the December 16, 2009 meeting were distributed at the meeting. A motion for approval of the December 16 meeting minutes was made by D. Carney and seconded by L. Yourman. All were in favor.

Treasurers Report:

There was no Treasurer's report in absence of the treasurer at the meeting. The accrued interest for Year 2009 was \$ 506.67.

Correspondence:

An email was received on the e-Cigarette Bill and forwarded to FLASAP members. A legislative bill prohibiting sale of electronic cigarettes to minors was approved by the NJ Legislature.

Speaker:

Carol Sprague from the Center for Alcohol and Drug Resources (CADR) about two programs provided by CADR, specifically "Too Smart to Start" for grades 4th 5th & 6th and "Positive Parenting" which FLASAP uses grant funding to offer the programs to the school and community. C. Sprague said that she will work on the logistics of implementing these programs. She reported that she met with Dr. Moran from the Fair Lawn School System within the past few weeks and that she wants to work harmoniously with Barnabus Hospital (grant) who is presently doing programs for 5th graders in the schools. C. Sprague will be meeting within the next week with Dr. Moran as to what is expected to speak with the principals of all Fair Lawn Elementary Schools. C. Sprague offered to give a copy of the "Too Smart to Start" video game to each school with 4th grades. She explained that the program is 40 minutes long and talks about how ATOD (Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drugs) deteriorates the brain as well as getting children to think of people they can trust.

C. Sprague also spoke about the "Positive Parenting" program (FLASAP uses this program to fulfill their grant activity called "Parents Who Host, Lose the Most") and includes a component on teenage drinking. The difficulty is getting sufficient parental participation. J. Baratta suggested a Family Fun Day on the weekend for elementary school children and their parents.

Activity Reports

Grant Coordinators Report:

C. Wagner reported that the FLASAP grant budget for each FLASAP activity for 2009 with the anticipated funding and the annual expenditures will be given out at next month's meeting. A 2010 grant funding budget was distributed.

Fundraising:

Entertainment Books: C. Wagner reported that one book still is available. Books are \$ 30.00 and are available in the Health Dept., Rm. 112, Monday thru Friday, between 8:30AM and 4:30 PM. Thirty-two books were sold, 2 were given away to Health Dept staff who sold more than 10 books, 1 book is unaccounted for and book is left for sale. Twenty books were returned to the Entertainment Book Co.

Old Business:

Explorers: D. Bastinck reported that 15 Fair Lawn Explorers went on a camping trip to NoBe Bosco. Presently, there are 17 Explorers ages 14 to 21 and 11 advisors. There will be an Open House in January to invite new members.

Teen Night at the Community Center: J. Baratta reported that there was nothing new.

TASE Activity: Teen volunteers are needed. If anyone receives info on a place in Fair Lawn or Ridgewood that sells tobacco to minors, they should report it to C. Wagner to include the location on the list to be inspected. J. Baratta & C. Martinez volunteered their daughters to assist in this activity during school break February 15th to the 19th.

Fall Grant Activities:

Too Smart To Start- for Grades 4 to 6. Discussion included under speaker above.

Parents Who Host, Lose the Most Activity- Discussion included under speaker above.

New Business:

Marathon 2010: May 21st & 22nd

C. Wagner mentioned that she received a letter from the Marathon Committee asking for FLASAP's participation. C. Wagner called the contacts on the letter but was unable to reach anyone to discuss possible activities.

Programs in the Schools & BOE Agenda:

C. Wagner sent an email to the Superintendent of Schools regarding getting on the BOE agenda to speak about programs FLASAP has to offer the schools. Scheduling is pending.

Entertainment Book Fundraiser for Next Year:

C. Wagner asked the FLASAP members if they wanted to continue the Entertainment Books as a Fundraiser for 2010 since FLASAP only raised \$168.00 and no members assisted in taking books to sell. L. Yourman asked why Entertainment Books Inc. dictates the cost of \$30.00 per book when she had seen them advertised on the Internet for \$ 20.50. This could be part of the reason the books do not sell easily. It was general consensus not to get the Entertainment Books for a fundraiser later in 2010.

Fair Lawn All Sports:

C. Wagner asked FLASAP members if they wanted to continue support of two Fair Lawn All Sport teams for 2010. A motion was made by L. Yourman to support the two teams at the same amount of \$525.00 and was seconded by L. Fleming. All present were in favor.

DARE Training Course:

D. Bastinck requested funding for up to six Police Officers at \$225/person for DARE Training Course. A motion was made by J. Baratta and seconded by C. Martinez. All present were in favor.

“Sticks ‘n Stones” Program:

E. Yeager reported that the Fair Lawn School System will be having a “Sticks n’ Stones” program for parents on February 11th @ 7PM. The topic is on Cyber Bullying. FLASAP members are invited.

ASAP Conference:

E. Yeager asked FLASAP for funding of \$295.00 for registration for the ASAP Conference on February 4th & 5th if the Fair Lawn BOE does not approve the funding. D. Bastinck made a motion and it was seconded by C. Martinez. All present were in favor.

New Fundraiser Suggestion/Great Lakes Scripts:

L. Yourman suggested a new fundraiser called “Great Lakes Scripts” and explained how it works. FLASAP members wanted more info on the program.

Meeting Adjournment:

As there was no further business, a motion was made by J. Baratta and seconded by C. Martinez to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 PM. All were in favor.

The next meeting is scheduled on February 17, 2010 at 7:30PM in Room 201 of the Fair Lawn Borough Hall.