

Fair Lawn Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention Meeting Minutes

March 30, 2011

Meeting Call to Order:

President Derek Bastinck called to order the regular meeting of the Fair Lawn Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (FLASAP) at 7:50 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, Cindy Martinez, Lorraine Fleming, Dennis Carney, Jeanne Baratta, Claude Bienstock and Carol Wagner. FLHS Student attendees included: Eric Simeonoglou, Alex Davies, Daria Voskoboynikov, Zack _____.

Approval of Minutes:

A verbal overview of the Meeting Minutes of the March 30, 2011 meeting were reviewed at the meeting. Printed minutes was postponed due to lack of clerical support in the Health Department and will be presented in written format when completed.

Correspondence:

Letter from GCADA re Municipal Trust Accounts- discussed below

Email: Info on Conference on Bath Salts/ Not Just for Baths Anymore- 3 Alliance members invited to the County Alliance Conference

Treasurers Report:

There was no Treasurer's report due to the absence of the Treasurer at the meeting. No activities were funded as it is early in the year and we were awaiting approval of the grant proposal from the County Municipal Alliance Coordinator. C. Wagner explained the letter received from GCADA regarding new requirements requiring all Alliance fundraising income to be transferred to a Municipal Trust Account by September 1, 2011. C. Wagner has already consulted with the CFO for the Borough of Fair Lawn to start the process. Discussion ensued regarding the necessity to plan activities with much more advanced notice to allowed sufficient time for encumbering funds for an activity.

Activity Reports:

Grant Coordinators Report:

C. Wagner reported the FLASAP grant budget for each FLASAP activity for 2011 with the anticipated funding to be the same as last year. The grant funding approved is \$15,759.

Old Business:

FLHS Student Report:

Four (4) FLHS students participated in the meeting. Discussion revolved around support of purchasing supplies for construction of a student lounge by the students and how “substance abuse prevention” messages will be displayed.

Teen Night at Community Center:

Planning is in progress. Update postponed until future meeting.

“Parents Who Host, Lose the Most” Activity:

C. Wagner reported that five (5) FLASAP volunteers participated in the Volunteer Night at the FL Community Center on March 3, 2011. FLASAP used the event to promote community involvement in the Alliance and to give out info on the Parents Who Host, Lose the Most Activity. A laptop video was developed on the mission, goals and activities of the Alliance and shown on continuous play throughout the evening. Twenty-five (25) residents attended the event.

20” Program on Alcohol Abuse:

D. Bastinck has been in contact with the FLHS Officials and stated that they are receptive to having this program this year, but, no date has been set yet. L. Fleming made a motion to expend up to \$500 for all related expenses for the event. All were in favor. Costs for the event are for one volunteer presenter and give aways such as buttons with a substance abuse prevention message. D. Carney and C. Wagner will work on purchasing the supplies.

Steve Benvenisti Presentation:

D. Bastinck reported that the Steve Benvenisti Presentation was presented to the Junior Class on March 29, 2011. The program provides a personal account to 350 students on the tragedy that can occur from alcohol abuse.

New Business:

Senior Prom Preparedness Assembly: C. Wagner relayed info from Mr. Marcella on an assembly for seniors on April 12, 9am at Sasso Field. The event will include a Simulated Drunk Driving Accident Activity for 400 senior. Participants include: Emergency Rescue, Police and Fire Departments. Motion to expend up to \$1000 for support with literature &/or give aways was made by J. Baratta and seconded by C. Martinez. The students at the meeting suggested pens with substance abuse prevention messages. D. Carney and C. Wagner will work on purchasing the give aways.

Rescue Squad Health Fair & Safety Expo: C. Wagner received a request from the Rescue Squad Captain for FLASAP to participate in their Health & Safety Expo on May 24 from 4 to 8pm at the Rescue Squad Bldg. Participants invited include: Ambulance, Fire, Blood Center, Retro Fitness, Massage Therapist, FLASAP. The general consensus of the members was to participate. Motion for give aways was postponed to next meeting to give D. Carney and C. Wagner time to search for appropriate give aways. Suggested ideas included: Pamphlets from MADD and Parent Who Host, Lose the Most brochures.

Bike Rodeo: The general consensus of the members was to hold the Bike Rodeo at the River/Canoe Regatta on June 4, 2011. There is plenty of inventory of bike helmets of all sizes, so there is no need to purchase helmets.

River/ Canoe Regatta: J.Baratta reported that the River/Canoe Regatta will be held on June 4. L. Fleming made the motion that FLASAP participate and expend up to \$1200 on supplies, food, and other necessary expenses to host the event. C. Martinez seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

National Take Back Initiative: C. Wagner reported that the National Take Back Initiative event is a state wide initiative offered by the Police Departments on April 30, 2011 from 10 AM to 2 PM. The DEA with local PD & HD will accept unused prescriptions to prevent drug abuse. FLASAP is invited to participate.

Educational Program on Bath Salts, a New Drug: D. Carney plans to attend as a representative for FLASAP.

FLASE: A Thank You letter was received from FLASE for the \$50 donation from FLASAP in Nov 2010. FLASE also sent an Invite to Golf Outing Fundraiser to be held in May.

Street Fairs: June 13 & Oct 24, 2011 The general consensus of the FLASAP members at the meeting was not to participate at the street fairs this year.

Meeting for April 2011:

FLASAP members present at the meeting were reminded that FLASAP meetings are now held on the 4th Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at 7:30 PM.

Meeting Adjournment:

As there was no further business, a motion was made by C. Martinez and seconded by J. Baratta to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM. All were in favor.