

Fair Lawn Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2012

Meeting Call to Order:

President Derek Bastinck called to order the special meeting of the Fair Lawn Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (FLASAP) on January 12, 2012, at 7:55 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. The special meeting was held earlier in the month than the regularly scheduled meeting so that the FLASAP and CADR can take advantage of participating in the Taste of Fair Lawn event on January 23, 2012, to discuss the final expenditures of the 2011 Alliance grant and to promote the "Parents Who Host, Lose the Most" Activity.

Attendance:

A sign in sheet was circulated. Present were: President Derek Bastinck, Treasurer Chuck Logan, Cindy Martinez, Claude Bienstock and Carol Wagner. FLHS Student attendees included: Elena Nicolaon and Nicole Melf. Special guests from the Center for Alcohol and Drug Resources (CADR) were: Carol Sprague and Dee DeBernardis.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer, C. Logan, reported that the checking account has \$42,918.02. One check was written to purchase supplies for the "Parents Who Host, Lose the Most" signs, window clings, and posters.

Activity Reports:

Grant Coordinators Report:

C. Wagner reported the FLASAP grant funding for 2012 will be \$15,759 which is the same as Year 2011. The FLASAP grant budget for each FLASAP activity in Year 2012 is anticipated to be the same as last year except that the 2 programs that did not get implemented (due to decreased police staffing) will be changed. The Junior Police Academy activity will be changed to be "Big Brother, Big Sister" and will be funded at \$1700. The DARE Activity needs to be re-written if it is not going to be re-instated by the Fair Lawn Police Dept in Year 2012. C. Wagner stressed that 2 programs, "Parents Who Host, Lose the Most" and "Too Smart to Start" must be completed as soon as possible so as not to lose the 2011 grant funding for each activity.

Old Business:

Year 2011 "Parents Who Host, Lose the Most" Activity:

Prior to the meeting, C. Wagner sent out an email to the FLASAP Trustees for a vote to approve the expenditure of \$500 grant funding and up to \$289.75 cash match for FLASAP's participation in and to purchase supplies for the Taste of Fair Lawn event on January 23, 2012. Seven email "Yes" votes and 0 "No" votes were received. Carol Sprague and Dee DeBernardis from CADR explained the plan to have all the FLASAP members promote awareness of the "Parents Who Host" activity at the Taste of Fair Lawn event followed "Adopt-a-Sign" program by reaching out to the community (residents and business owners) to post signs on their lawns later in the spring. Leaflets will also be available to explain the importance of the town ordinance and preventing children from drinking alcohol at a

friends' house. C. Sprague and C. Wagner plan to attend the Chamber of Commerce meeting on January 17, 2012, to promote the FLASAP's participation in implementing this activity.

Too Smart to Start: C. Wagner and C. Sprague have been communicating with Joe Tedeschi at Fair Lawn Schools regarding implementing this program to 4th and 5th graders in the "After School" program in the Fair Lawn Schools.

Explorers Update: D. Bastinck reported that 25 teens participate in the Explorers program and 15 teens participated in Ride-a-Longs which lasts 2-3 hours/ session.

Big Brother/Big Sister Activity:

Two (2) FLHS students participated in the meeting. The students provided an update on the Big Sister/Big Brother activity. Sixty (60) students meet once per month at the Fair Lawn Community Center. 60 young children come once per month for a 3 hrs program, the last program was Sunday January 8, 2012. The free program for young children provides a variety of activities including arts 'n crafts, sports, leaning activities, movies, science day, and walk/play in the park. The purpose of the program is to establish good role models and lasting relationships.

New Business:

Discussion included putting an article on the "Parents Who Host, Lose the Most" Activity into the Borough's Spring Newsletter and the Fair Lawn Community News, posting a "Parents Who Host" sign at the elementary schools announcement boards, include info on the activity at the college fair and financial aid night at FLHS, distribute bookmarks with the "Parents Who Host" info at the Library.

Next Meeting 2012:

FLASAP members present at the meeting were reminded that FLASAP meetings are now held on the 4th Wednesday of the month. The next meeting would be scheduled for January 25, 2012. The members present agreed by consensus to cancel the January 25th meeting and hold the next meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 2012, at 7:30 PM.

Meeting Adjournment:

As there was no further business, a motion was made by C. Logan and seconded by C. Martinez to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM. All were in favor.