

Fair Lawn Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention Meeting Minutes

February 22, 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 February 22, 2012, at 7:49 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 Dennis Carney, Treasurer Chuck Logan, Cindy Martinez, Claude Bienstock, Lorraine Fleming and Carol Wagner. FLHS Student attendees attending were: Elena Nicolaon and Aysha Seedat. Council liaison Kurt Peluso also attended.

Approval of Minutes:

C. Logan made a motion to accept the January 12, 2012, meeting minutes and it was seconded by D. Bastinck. All present were in favor.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer, C. Logan, reported that the checking account has \$42,715.41. One check was written to the Chamber of Commerce for food for the "Parents Who Host, Lose the Most" activity. The annual report/registration as a non-profit organization is required every year by the State of NJ, Division of Revenue which has to be filed electronically and paid electronically. Since FLASAP has no means to pay electronically, Treasurer Chuck Logan submits the report and pays the \$25.00 fee every year. A motion was made by C. Wagner and seconded by D. Carney to reimburse \$25 to C. Logan for the non-profit registration. All present at the meeting were in favor. None opposed.

Activity Reports:

Grant Coordinators Report:

C. Wagner reported the FLASAP grant expenditure report for Year 2011 was completed and submitted to the County Municipal Alliance Coordinator. The "Big Brother, Big Sister" activity which replaced the Junior Police Academy Activity in prior years was approved by the County Municipal Alliance but with a name changed to Mentoring. The name of the activity was changed at GCADA's suggestion, since "Big Brothers, Big Sisters" is an already established and well-recognized national program.

Year 2011 "Parents Who Host, Lose the Most" Activity and "Too Smart to Start" Activity:

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. Hence, C. Wagner and C. Sprague from CADR attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting on January 17th to provide an awareness of the "Parents Who Host, Lose the Most" Activity and to get the business owners participation in implementing the activity. In addition, 9 FLASAP members, FLASAP Council Liaison and 2 CADR reps attended the Taste of Fair Lawn Event on January 23rd to

establish cooperation between Fair Lawn businesses and the Alliance to promote the “Parents Who Host” Activity and to later publicize it throughout the community.

C. Wagner reported that the “Too Smart to Start” Activity is underway at “after school” program for 4th and 5th graders.

Old Business:

Year 2011 “Parents Who Host, Lose the Most” Activity:

At the Taste of Fair Lawn Event, photos were taken of the FLASAP Members to publicize the “Parents Who Host, Lose the Most” Activity. D. Carney and C. Wagner will be working on drafting a news article to be forwarded to the “201” magazine after confirming the specifics of Ordinance 2068-2006 pertaining to under-age drinking. C. Sprague requested an additional 100 table tent cards for distribution to the restaurants in town. A motion to purchase 100 table tent cards was made by C. Logan and seconded by C. Bienstock. All present were in favor.

Knights of Columbus:

L. Fleming provided an updated on the Knights of Columbus activities which involved several communities sponsoring social activities for various age groups to keep teens and disabled from becoming isolated and disconnecting with the community. Events included: “Adopt a Park” to keep it clean, starting an ATOD-free Saturday (Social) Club for person with disabilities, Thanksgiving food drive to make food bags for needy families.

Explorers Update: D. Bastinck reported that 22 teens participate in the Explorers program during the past month and were involved in “hands on” learning using police department equipment.

TASE (Tobacco Age of Sale Enforcement) Activity:

As part of the TASE activity, C. Wagner reported that she sent out letters to all pre-packaged food stores about the Tobacco Age of Sale law that teens under age 19 years of age are not permitted to be sold tobacco and retail employees must ask for proof of ID before selling tobacco.

Big Brother/Big Sister Activity:

Two (2) FLHS students participated in the meeting. The students provided an update on the Big Sister, Big Brother/ Mentoring activity. Sixty (60) students meet once per month at the Fair Lawn Community Center (FLCC). Sixty (60) young children come once per month for a 3 hrs program. The last program was “Sunday at the Bowling Alley.” On March 18th, there will be a scavenger hunt at the FLCC . In April, there will be the “Walk-a-thon.” The purpose of the program is to establish good role models and lasting relationships. Needed supplies and funds were taken out of the FLHS Student Activities Account. Approved grant funds will reimburse the account.

The students also mentioned the date of the Senior Marathon of May 18, 2012.

Taste of Fair Lawn Event/Parents Who Host, Lose the Most” Awareness Campaign:

The following Alliance supporters attended the program and promoted the “Parents Who Host, Lose the Most” awareness campaign: D. Bastinck, D. Carney, C. Martinez, P. Lenart, C. Wagner, Claude Bienstock, Council liaison K. Peluso, and FLHS students E. Nicolaou, Alexa Nicolaou.

New Business:

Moving Up Ceremony:

A request was received from Memorial Middle School for funding for class dance after their June graduation. C. Martinez made a motion and seconded by C. Logan to approve up to \$500 provided

that all grant required information is received on all substance abuse prevention activities throughout the school year. All present were in favor. None were opposed.

Pythias Sisters Fashion Show: Request for donation of 100 give away items such as bags, pens, etc. There was discussion and preference for promotional ad in a brochure, but, all agreed by consensus to provide 100 bags or promotional pens with FLASAP's contact information.

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 will be scheduled for Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at 7:30 PM.

Meeting Adjournment:

As there was no further business, a motion was made by D. Bastinck and seconded by C. Logan to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM. All were in favor.