

Fair Lawn Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention

Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2009

Meeting Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Fair Lawn Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (FLASAP) was called to order by Cindy Martinez at 8:00 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: Vice President Cindy Martinez, Treasurer Chuck Logan, Dennis Carney, Dave Reiter, SAC Eileen Yeager and Carol Wagner. Also present was Claude Bienstock, a concerned citizen and Alyssa Martinez, teen resident.

President Derek Bastinck and Council liaison Jeanne Baratta arrive shortly after meeting started.

Approval of Minutes:

The Minutes of the December 17, 2008 meeting was distributed. A motion for approval of the December 17th meeting minutes was made by D. Carney and seconded by D. Reiter. All were in favor.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Chuck Logan reported a balance of \$13,206.16 in checking and \$25,000.00 in the CD account. C. Logan reported that he issued payment of \$ 576.00 for T-Shirts for the Basketball Program, \$ 420.00 & \$ 315.00 for referees and \$ 60.00 & \$ 20.94 for refreshments for the December meeting.

Activity Reports:

Grant Coordinators Report:

C. Wagner reported the grant budgetary expenses for the FLASAP as noted on the budget handout. C. Wagner stated that she did not receive input from any members for activity expenses for the Peer Mediation and Peer Leadership/Explorers Activities, hence, the activities funding was not expended. Project Graduation was also not fully expended since FLASAP only received a request from (1) school, FLHA (Fair Lawn High School), for Project Graduation supplies. The Junior Police Academy was almost fully spent. The FLASAP activities which were funded to their maximum allocation include; Saturday Seniors, Tobacco Age of Sale Enforcement, Parents Who Host Lose the Most, DARE and Alternative Family Activities.

Fundraising:

Bike Helmets: C. Wagner reported that helmets are for sale at the Health Dept., Mon. through Fri., 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

Entertainment Books: C. Wagner reported that the (3) remaining Entertainment Books and the Counter Copy were sold.

Kids Stuff Books: C. Wagner reported that (8) Kids Stuff Books were sold and for every (5) books that are sold, the seller will get (1) book for free. FLASAP has a total of 30 books to sell, but can get more if there is a demand. Each coupon book is \$ 25.00.

Old Business:

Explorers: D. Bastinck reported that there are (15) Explorers and he hopes to have a recruitment night within the next few weeks. The Explorers are involved in the “Ride Along” with Police Officers on weekends. D. Bastinck also reported that the Explorers went to the Police Academy to assist with the simulator.

Teen Night at the Community Center:

C. Wagner reported that the FLHS Teacher supervising the Animal Rights Club has requested that FLASAP partner with them for a “Battle of the Bands” Activity at the FLCC on May 31. No funds were requested from FLASAP other than the school club needing to be sponsored by a non-profit Borough entity to use the FLCC. Such a program meets with the mission of the Alliance to have activities for the teens at the FLCC so they are not resorting to parties with ATOD (Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs). Prizes would include time at a recording studio and time at a night club as a pre-opening act if allowed by the Alliance. C. Wagner is researching if it is allowed. A motion was made by C. Martinez and seconded by C. Logan for FLASAP to support the “Battle of the Bands”. All were in favor.

New Business:

“Kids Off the Street Basketball”: C. Martinez has been volunteering at the games and reported that there are not as many teens as last year. Eighteen teens signed up. Some are really interested in continuing but sometimes there is only enough teens to make (2) teams to play a game. D. Bastinck offered to promote the program in the schools and to do a Press Release for the Fair Lawn Community News. High School basketball team members will be allowed to play provided that they bring a letter from their coach.

Entertainment Books: C. Wagner received a request from the Entertainment Book Company asking FLASAP to commit to Fall 2009 Sales. A motion was made by C. Martinez and seconded by C. Logan for FLASAP to sell Entertainment Books as a fund-raiser in the Fall of 2009. All present were in favor.

Fair Lawn All Sports: C. Wagner received a request for sponsorship of Fair Lawn All Sports teams. D. Bastinck made a motion and C. Martinez seconded the motion to expend \$ 525.00 to support the Baseball and Softball All Sports teams. All were in favor.

“Parents Who Host, Lose the Most” Activity:

C. Wagner informed the members that the new dates for the Parental Guidance Program are: January 27th , February 3rd and February 10, 2009 at the FL Community Center from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. The program will be presented by the Center for Alcohol and Drug Resources of Bergen County. D. Bastinck was asked to speak for 10 to 15 minutes on the Police response to calls regarding ATOD use in Fair Lawn. A light dinner will be available at each session. C. Wagner asked for volunteers to help. C. Wagner also submitted a press release on the program to the Fair Lawn Community News and J. Baratta has made an announcement at the televised Mayor and Council Meetings. The program was also in the Bergen County Family Support Organization Newsletter.

Too Smart to Start Program: E. Yeager offered to contact Judy Morgan of the Fair Lawn Schools regarding piloting the “Too Smart to Start Program” for (2) programs in (2) elementary schools. Too

Smart to Start is a program offered by the Center for Alcohol & Drug Resource that teaches children about the harm of alcohol use and to support parents and caregivers as they participate in their children's activities. FLASAP has chosen to support this program in 2009.

Focus on Fitness: E. Yeager informed the members about a fundraiser for the Opportunity Center and Rescue Squad. Pledges to sponsor a student to walk/run are up to \$ 7,500.00.

E. Yeager also informed the members that the 6th graders in the Fair Lawn Schools are taking a trip to the Glen Rock Fitness Center as part of an overall good health program. E. Yeager extended an invitation to D. Carney to speak about substance abuse prevention.

E. Yeager is also continuing the Grand Parents Program again this year to develop connectiveness between students and their grandparents. E. Yeager is looking for support of the program. J. Baratta made a motion for FLASAP to fund up to \$ 1,000.00 per Middle School. The motion was seconded by C. Martinez. All present were in favor.

Meeting Adjournment:

As there was no further business, a motion was made by C. Logan and seconded by J. Baratta to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 PM. All were in favor.

Next meeting: March 18, 2009 at 7:30 PM, in the Fair Lawn Borough Hall, Room 201.