

Fair Lawn Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention

Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2009

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 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: President Derek Bastinck, Vice President Cindy Martinez, Treasurer Chuck Logan, Lorraine Fleming, Council Liaison Jeanne Baratta, Dennis Carney, Lisa Yourman, and Carol Wagner. Also present was Claude Bienstock a concerned citizen, and Alyssa Martinez, student of FLHS.

Approval of Minutes:

The Minutes of the November 18, 2009 meeting was distributed at the meeting. A motion for approval of the November 18 meeting minutes was made by C. Logan and seconded by L. Fleming. All were in favor. C. Wagner handed out the meeting minutes to FLASAP members that did not attend the November meeting and asked for 1 more vote to approve the meeting minutes of the October 21, 2009 meeting. L. Yourman who attended the October meeting was in favor of the October meeting minutes.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer C. Logan reported that the FLASAP Checking Account has \$ 11,577.67 and the CD Account have \$ 25, 063.77. Interest over \$15,000 from the CD Account will be transferred to the Checking Account. A check in the amount of \$492.00 was written to the Entertainment Books for the fundraising activity.

Update on Topics discussed at the November meeting: C. Wagner provided an overview of the November 18, 2009 FLASAP meeting discussion and asked for one vote for approval of the DARE activity expenditure of \$3960. L. Yourman was in favor.

Activity Reports

Grant Coordinators Report:

C. Wagner reported the FLASAP grant budget for each FLASAP activity for 2009 with the anticipated funding and the expenditure YTD. Budget report dated 12/16/09 was distributed.

Fundraising:

Entertainment Books: C. Wagner reported that the books are still available. A press release was put into the Fair Lawn Community News. Books are \$ 30.00 and are available in the Health Dept., Rm. 112, Monday thru Friday, between 8:30AM and 4:30 PM. Thirty books were sold, 2 were given away to Health Dept staff who sold more than 10 books, 1 book is unaccounted for and 3 books are left for sale. Twenty books were returned to the Entertainment Book Co.

Helmet Sales: Helmets in various sizes and colors are still available in the Health Department. Helmets are \$10.00 each.

Old Business:

Explorers: D. Bastinck reported that 15 FL 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. One gas station in Fair Lawn was reported and added to the list.

Fall Grant Activities:

1) Too Smart Too Start for Grades 4 to 6. C. Wagner spoke with the Milnes School nurse who was open to the idea but commented that time is tight during the school hours.

Project Graduation: In order for the grant to cover some expenses, a list of ATOD prevention activities is needed from the High School. Carol Wagner still did not receive the list. L. Yourman reported that Alyse Frankel from the School PTO had a discussion with her regarding funding for the Project Graduation.

New Business:

Free Teens USA: Richard Panzer gave an updated power point presentation to FLASAP whereby he incorporated more info on the importance of ATOD prevention and explained that he would put this info into the educational program for the teens. He informed the FLASAP members that he is looking for FLASAP to lend their name to his fund-raising musical program in February at the Fair Lawn Community Center for the subsequent educational program for the teens. Closed Session discussion followed after Mr. Panzer left. The decision was to hold on making a decision to lend the FLASAP name since they still have not received info from Mr. Panzer as to how he would market the program to the teens.

Programs in the Schools and Barnabas Hospital Grant: In that not much info was available for discussion at the meeting on the topic, the discussion focused more on issues of getting help for teens and the minimal professional support available. In the past, teens with ATOD problems were referred to High Focus, but, now they are referred to Re-Direction. Dissatisfaction was expressed with the change. The purported reason for the change is that Re-Direction accepts all or most medical insurance plans. A point made by a FLASAP member was that there were 60 children in the Fair Lawn School System this past year that were truant and kids are dipping (chewing tobacco) in the back of the classroom. There are strict policies in the school if a student is caught smoking, so teens smoke behind the tennis courts on school property. When caught smoking, teens are expelled from school and then they are home to play. FLASAP members did not feel that expelling the students from school is the solution to correcting the problem. It was recommended that FLASAP go to a Board of Education meeting and offer ATOD prevention programs for the Fair Lawn Schools. All FLASAP members were in favor. C. Wagner will pursue getting on the BOE meeting calendar. BOE meetings are held every third Thursday night of the month.

Meeting Adjournment:

As there was no further business, a motion was made by D. Bastinck and seconded by L. Yourman to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM. All were in favor. The next meeting is scheduled on January 20, 2010 at 7:30PM in room 201 of the Fair Lawn Borough Hall.