

Fair Lawn Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention Meeting Minutes May 21, 2008

The regular meeting of the Fair Lawn Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (FLASAP) was called to order by Vice President Cindy Martinez at 7:35pm due to the late arrival of sufficient FLASAP members on April 16, 2008. 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, Chuck Logan, Jeanne Baratta, Dennis Carney, Lorraine Fleming and Carol Wagner. Interested citizens present were: Claude Bienstock, Eric Lorenz & Lisa Yourman as PTA liaison. Two residents that came to speak about their programs and suggest partnering with FLASAP, were Meryl Bernstein and Casi Hochkeppel.

Introduction & Speakers: All members and usual attendees and invited speakers introduced themselves. One speaker and Fair Lawn resident, Meryl Bernstein, informed FLASAP, that she is planning a Live Rock Concert for teens, at the Fair Lawn Community Center to raise money for UNICEF as well as holding an alternative activity, rather than hanging out on the streets. The second speaker and Fair Lawn resident, Casi Hochkeppel, works with children with disabilities and wants to raise an awareness of need for funding for children with special needs by getting kids involved by volunteering. Casi suggested that a run in Dunkerhook Park in Paramus on September 20 or 21.

The underlying purpose of event is that kids who volunteer get a sense of community and social connectiveness. Both speakers were reaching out to FLASAP in hopes of having FLASAP Partner with them for their initiatives. Lisa Yourman, new BOE liaison to FLASAP, gave kudos to FLASAP for supporting the Tuesday Night Basketball, to keep kids off the street and for supporting "Lock Down" at the Community Center.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the March 19, 2008 and April 16, 2008 meetings were distributed. A motion for approval of both meeting minutes was made by C. Martinez and seconded by D. Carney. All were in favor.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Chuck Logan reported that the CD has \$825,617.12 and will mature on June 18, 2008. The CD will be renewed at that time with excess over \$25,000.00 being put into the checking account which presently has \$ 9,498.23. Checks written in the past month include: \$ 420.00 & \$ 210.00 for the basketball referee, \$500.00 for Marathon Lock Down, \$ 304.00 for River Regotta trophies & \$ 25.00 for annual registering the FLASAP with the NJ Division of Taxation as 501(C)3. A Motion was made by D. Bastinck and seconded by C. Martinez, to reimburse Treasurer C. Logan for the \$ 25 registration fee that had to be paid online. All present were in favor.

Correspondence, Meeting and Conference Announcements:

- Parenting and Family Education Programs in Bergen County.

Activity Reports:

Grant Coordinators Report: C. Wagner provided and explained the grant YTD budgetary report for the FLASAP activities. C. Wagner reviewed all programs provided YTD and asked for verification of the number of participants and volunteers from those members involved in the specific programs. This info is needed to complete the grant reports.

Fundraising:

Bike Helmets: C. Wagner reported that 34 helmets were sold and 2 helmets were reserved for a Nursery School Director who ordered 2 helmets and plans to promote bicycling and bicycling safety among her student population and their families. Thirty two helmets are left for sale at the Health Dept., Mon. through Fri., 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

Old Business:

Explorers- D. Bastinck stated that there are 18 high school and college students that are enrolled in the Explorer Program and about 7 are expected to attend Explorer Camp in Monmouth County during the summer. D. Bastinck mentioned that the Explorers assist in community events including "Operation Touch A Truck", Bike Rodeo, Carnival at TJMS and Street Fairs.

Street Fair Activities June 8 and Oct 19, 2008: C. Wagner requested volunteers to help at the June Street Fair. The importance of the Street Fairs is to reach out to the community and promote education on substance abuse prevention and promote alternative activities to ATOD.

End "420" Program: The program this year was held on Friday, April 18th in the High School. D. Bastinck, C. Librescu, and D. Carney began presenting at 7:50am. Through the day to all the Health classes reaching 350 students. The program presented the negative effects of taking drugs and alcohol versus saying "No" to substance abuse. End "420" magnets and buttons were given out.

Bike Rodeo: C. Wagner reported that the Bike Rodeo on May 10th had 2 volunteers (6 FLASAP members and 6 Explorers), with 30 participants.

Operation Touch A Truck: D. Bastinck reported that the program was a success with a 50 volunteers and 300 participants. All types of trucks were available for kids to climb on and the State Police Helicopter and the Batmobile.

Marathon Culmination "Lock Down" Event /Night at the Community Center:

Teen Night at the Community Center- J. Baratta reported that 501C (3) group, Fair Lawn Community Center Trustees conducted a survey of kids and they are interested in a

“Lock Down” in the Fair Lawn Community Center after Marathon Weekend. Adult supervision is necessary but parents of any of the teens in the “Lock Down” are requested by the teens to be excluded. FLASAP is being asked to participate.

Helmet Sale Fundraiser: C. Wagner reported that 30 helmets were ordered since we have bicycle helmets left over from last year. In total, we have 68 helmets in stock for sale. More can be ordered if necessary.

New Business:

Partnership with Chamber of Commerce for Fundraiser: D. Reiter and J. Baratta informed the FLASAP members that the Chamber of Commerce has chosen FLASAP to receive proceeds from their Golf Tournament this year. In return, the Chamber is looking for assistance in promoting the Fundraiser. A meeting was scheduled for Wednesday April 23 at 10am with the Chamber to discuss the particulars. D. Reiter, J. Baratta, C. Wagner and L. Fleming are planning to attend. FLASAP members discussed ideas for new projects to use the proceeds from the Golf Tournament and will share the ideas with The Chamber of Commerce at the meeting.

Project Graduation Outreach for Planning: Since no one at the meeting knew who the person in charge of coordinating Project Graduation is for this year it was suggested that Laurie Osback of the PTA should be contacted.

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 9:33pm. All in favor.

Next meeting: May 21, 2008 at Fair Lawn Borough Hall at 7:15pm.