

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. 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 BOE 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 a Run Event in Dunkerhook Park in Paramus on September 20 or 21, 2008. 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 \$25,617.12 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 Regatta 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 and continued 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 12 volunteers (6 FLASAP members and 6 Explorers), with 30 participants.

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

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

Teen Night at the Community Center- J. Baratta reported that she and D. Carney supervised the kids at "Lock Down" in the Fair Lawn Community Center after Marathon Weekend. She commented that the kids were very good and the "Lock Down" went very well. C. Wagner reported that the FLASAP sent a check for \$ 500.00 to support the event for food

and entertainment. Nine email affirmative votes were received from FLASAP members. None were opposed.

New Business:

Partnership with Chamber of Commerce for Fundraiser: D. Reiter and C. Wagner attended the meeting with the Chamber of Commerce regarding expectations of FLASAP, Ambulance Corps and Rescue Squad, for promoting the Golf Tournament Fundraiser, to be held August 21, 2008. C. Wagner reported that the Chamber will produce a flyer and e-mail it to FLASAP. Any and all donations collected by the FLASAP members will come back to FLASAP. One third of all donations collected by the Chamber will be passed onto FLASAP.

Project Graduation: C. Wagner reported that a class parent of FLHS class of 2008, contact and request theme bracelets for Project Graduation. A motion was made by D. Bastinck and seconded by J. Barretta to approve a maximum of \$999.00 to the FLHS Class of 2008 for the themed bracelets. All were in favor.

Calendar Dates and Times: C. Wagner raised a discussion on changing the meeting day and time for the Borough Calendar which is presently being drafted for September 2008 through August 2009. Consensus of FLASAP members was to hold meetings on the third Wednesday of every month, except August at 7:30 PM, starting September 2008.

River Regatta, May 31: The River Regatta event will start at 9:00 AM. Assistance by FLASAP members is requested at 8:00 AM to set up breakfast. Those persons who volunteered include; J. Barretta, C. Martinez, L. Yourman & C. Wagner. Members were asked to assist in soliciting food. Members asked to have a letter to present to the vendors when requesting food donations. C. Wagner will draft a letter and forward to all the members. C. Wagner reported that FLASAP will be receiving donations from the Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce and registration fees from canoe race applicants. FLASAP is supposed to be included in the program brochure. Expenses received so far are for trophy awards and for miscellaneous items such as certificates and certificate holders.

FLASAP Activity Expenditures: C. Wagner made a motion to encumber \$ 500.00 for FLASAP activities, meeting refreshments and supplies. 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 J. Barretta and seconded by C. Martinez to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM. All were in favor.

Next meeting: June 18, 2008 at Fair Lawn Borough Hall at 7:15 PM.