

# Fair Lawn Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention Meeting Minutes September 17, 2008

The regular meeting of the Fair Lawn Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (FLASAP) was called to order by President Derek Bastinck at 7:45 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, Chuck Logan, Jeanne Baratta, Dennis Carney, Lorraine Fleming, Lisa Yourman, SAC Eileen Yeager and Carol Wagner. Also present was Claude Bienstock, a concerned citizen.

**Speaker:** Judy Forman from the Center for Alcohol and Drug Resources (CADR) provided an in depth explanation of the programs which the Center has available and answered many questions from FLASAP members. Discussion ensued as to when to offer some of the programs and how to ensure participation. The schools have a tight schedule with little time to include all of the programs of interest. J. Forman said that CADR would be open to offer some programs after school and in the evening.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the July 16, 2008 meeting was distributed. A motion for approval of the meeting minutes was made by J. Baratta and seconded by Lisa Yourman. All present were in favor.

**Treasurers Report:** Treasurer Chuck Logan reported a balance of \$11,584.91 in checking and \$25,196.96 in the CD account. The July 17 concert fund-raiser brought in \$418. A motion was made by J. Baratta and seconded by C. Martinez to write a check for UNICEF in the amount of \$400. All members were in favor. FLASAP also provided food for the performers. See Grant Coordinator's Report below for budget expenses during the previous month.

## **Correspondence, Meeting and Conference Announcements:**

- NJ Devils Promotion for a fund-raiser
- Nets Basketball Promotion for a fund-raiser

## **Activity Reports:**

**Grant Coordinators Report:** C. Wagner reported the grant budgetary expenses for the FLASAP activities during the previous month included \$240.16 for glow sticks for National Night Out. Substance free message was attached by FLASAP members at the event before giving out the glow sticks. C. Wagner stated that the Alternative Family Activity grant funds and Saturday Seniors Activity are fully expended. C. Wagner stressed that FLASAP has to provide a program in the fall for the "Parents Who Host" and "Peer Mediation" activities otherwise the funding will be lost. The "Peer Leadership" activity is being re-written by D. Bastinck to "The Explorers." The plan will then be submitted to the County Alliance and GCADA (Governor's Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse) for approval to implement in place of the Peer Leadership Conference.

## **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.

**Golf Tournament Fundraiser:** C. Wagner reported that an email was received from the Chamber of Commerce requesting a representative from FLASAP to visit their office on September 23 for the Gold Tournament fund-raiser proceeds. FLASAP Officers were offered first to participate, then all of the membership. Anyone interested was asked to let Carol know. 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.

**Entertainment Books (Planning Ahead):** C. Wagner reported that the Entertainment Books are on sale in the Health Dept for \$25 per book and that 11 books were sold so far. FLASAP members are asked to promote the sale of the books and every individual who sells 7 books will receive one free. L. Fleming mentioned that if FLASAP sells 56 books, FLASAP will be able to keep half the proceeds. If less is sold, only \$5.00 per book is kept by FLASAP.

## **Old Business:**

**Explorers:** No report was given in D. Bastinck's absence.

**National Night Out, August 5:** C. Wagner thanked the FLASAP members & FLASAP volunteers that participated in the National Night Out Event on August 5 at Memorial Park. Those that attended Included: J. Baratta, D. Carney, C. Martinez, L. Fleming, C. Wagner, D. Romaglia, P. Lenart, Michael Martinez, and County Alliance Coordinator Ellen Taner.

## **New Business:**

**Teen Night at the Community Center:** J. Baratta will reach out to the School of Rock through the Fair Lawn Cultural Center to schedule concerts. The band will donate their time to charity. J. Baratta suggested to the members that this event be a fund-raiser for FLASAP with a \$2 entrance fee being charged rather than \$10 as in the past in order to get more teen participation. The objective of such events is to get "kids off the streets" and provide inexpensive alternatives to using ATOD. A motion was made by C. Martinez and seconded by L. Fleming. All were in favor. Expenses for the event would include printing of flyers to promote the activity and refreshments for the Band since they are donating their time. A motion was made by C. Wagner and seconded by D. Reiter to allocate \$300 for these activity costs. All members present were in favor.

**River Rd Street Fair/ October 19:** C. Wagner asked for volunteers to man the table at the event. Volunteers included: C. Martinez, Alyssa Martinez, L. Yourman, P. Lenart, & C. Wagner. All others were asked to give even a short amount of time so it is not so burdensome on those that volunteered who wind up giving up many hours in their day when others do not show up. D. Reiter suggested that FLASAP try to get public interest in personalized Fair Lawn jackets to develop town "team spirit." Samples could be displayed and customer orders taken at the street fair. No decision was made by the membership.

**Next 3 Year Grant Application (Year 2009-2011)/Changes on program proposals:**

C. Wagner reported that she completed the 3 year grant proposal since it was due during the summer. All of the existing activities were incorporated into the proposal and grouped them together with other activities from the CADR to comply with the new requirement of providing comprehensive programs inclusive of "Model Evidenced-Based and Evaluated Programs." If FLASAP chooses different activities from CADR, the grant activities can be revised and submitted for approval. The Mayor and Council have been sent the proposal with a request for a resolution that is required by GCADA.

**Basketball League:** D. Reiter reported that basketball starts end os October and he asked the Rec not to schedule the FLCC gym on Tuesday nights from 6-9 PM. D. Reiter is working with Premiere Gym in Saddle Brook to offer their gym on 2 nights per week, possibly Tuesday & Thursday nights, for keeping kids off the street.

**Parental Guidance Program:** L. Yourman suggested outreach to Care Plus and to the Family Support Organization when providing programs. Another suggestion was the mandatory meetings for parents of athletes held 3 times/year. In addition to providing techniques for parents faced with ATOD issues amongst children, awareness of new delivery of drugs is important. A new one being purchased by teens is a legal plant which is a stronger hallucinogen than LSD. Other possible activities which may be open to outside programs include "Making the Connection" and the "Bridge Program." These programs are held in the summer as a transition program for 5th graders entering the middle school (6th grade) and 8th graders transitioning to the high school (9th grade). Eileen Yeager said she would speak with Dr. Moran (Assistant Superintendent of Education) to discuss implementing FLASAP grant programs as part of these transitions.

**Meeting Adjournment:**

As there was no further business, a motion was made by D. Reiter and seconded by C. Martinez to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM. All were in favor.

**Next meeting:** October 15, 2008 at Fair Lawn Borough Hall at 7:30 PM.