

Fair Lawn Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention

Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2007

The regular meeting of the Fair Lawn Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (FLASAP) was called to order at 7:30pm on October 17, 2007 by Vice President Cindy Martinez. The meeting was held in Room 201 at the Fair Lawn Borough Hall, 8-01 Fair Lawn Ave., Fair Lawn, NJ.

Attendance: A sign in sheet was circulated. Present were: Cindy Martinez, Dennis Carney, Dave Reiter, Cindy Yuskaitis and Carol Wagner. Those members that arrived later during the meeting were: President Derek Bastinck, Council Liaison Jeanne Baratta and member Lorraine Fleming. Interested citizens present were: Claude Bienstock and Yolanda Santaite.

Introductions: Introductions were made for the new, interested concerned citizen, Yolanda Santaite.

Approval of Minutes: In that the September meeting had no quorum, a motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 20, 2007 and July 18, 2007 was made by Dennis Carney and seconded by Dave Reiter.

Treasurers Report: In absence of Treasurer Chuck Logan, Carol Wagner, Grant Coordinator and Secretary, reported that there is \$25,669.99 in the CD which matures on October 18, 2007. The amount over \$25,000 will be transferred to the FLASAP checking account and the CD will be renewed for another four months.

Correspondence, Meeting and Conference Announcements:

- Fair Lawn Rescue Fundraiser and Blood Drive- November 11, 2007
- Nets Basketball 2007-2008 Corporate Family Night Group Sales
- Knicks Basketball Group Tickets
- Warren Point School PTA Tricky Tray Fundraiser- October 24, 2007
- FLASE 12th Annual Dinner Dance 2007 Ad Journal Form
- Jackie Lewis, Dance Designs
- Meeting Announcement on Gang and Drug Conference- October 11, 2007 (forwarded to FLASAP via email)
- Meeting Announcement/Training overview of Bergen County Alliance- November 28, 2007 (forwarded to FLASAP via email)

Activity Reports:

Grant Coordinators Report: C. Wagner provided and explained the grant budgetary report for the FLASAP activities. Year to date, only \$11,075.29 of the \$17,500 grant funding was spent or encumbered. Funds not used or encumbered by December 31, 2007 cannot be reimbursed from the County Alliance grant funds. After discussion with the group, C. Wagner made a motion to expend up to \$500 for more brochures and bookmarks with "Parents Who Host, Lose Most" insignia. J. Baratta seconded the motion. All members present were in favor: 7 affirmative votes, 0 negative votes.

Fundraising:

Bicycle Helmets- Four Helmets were sold at National Night Out on August 7, 2007. We hope to sell more at the River Road Street Fair on October 21, 2007.

Entertainment Books- C. Wagner reported that 17 Entertainment Coupon Books were sold since the books became available in August. The fundraiser was publicized in the Fair Lawn Community News. Books are available in the Health Department during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:00pm.

Kid Stuff Books- C. Wagner mentioned that the Kids Stuff coupon books are anticipated to be available in November.

Glow in the Dark Dog Tags- C. Wagner suggested a fundraiser which can be made available to dog owners when they come into the Health Department to license their dogs or at the rabies clinic held in November and May. The prototype dog tag needs to be researched for prices. Dave Rieter and Lorraine Fleming agreed to research and bring info to the next FLASAP meeting.

Cookbook published by FLASAP- The FLASAP members discussed the idea of gathering their favorite recipes from FLASAP members and publishing them in a cookbook as a fundraiser. Decision to move forward was tabled until another time.

Nets Basketball- C. Wagner shared the info received by mail re: group sales of tickets. The amount of proceeds that FLASAP would benefit is minimal and not worth the excessive amount of work involved. The general consensus was to not sell Nets Basketball tickets as a fundraiser.

Old Business:

Explorers- Sgt. Bastinck informed FLASAP members that two students went to the Explorers Academy Training weekend and obtained an award for 1st Place for White Collar Crime Investigation and Motor Vehicle Stops. He also reported that the Student Resource Officer is trying to recruit interested persons.

Teen Night at the Community Center- Council Liaison, J. Baratta, mentioned that her contacts are working on scheduling a planning meeting for teen activities that are feasible and would be of interest to the teens. J. Baratta also informed FLASAP members about "Keg" regulations and legislation.

Donation from Fair Lawn PTA Marathon Committee- C. Wagner reported that FLASAP received a \$250 donation from the Fair Lawn PTA Marathon Committee.

Purchase of Tape Recorder- C. Wagner stated that she sent out a request for an email vote for FLASAP to purchase a tape recorder to assist in transcribing the meeting minutes. Responses received were six affirmative votes.

National Night Out- C. Wagner reported that 7 FLASAP members participated at National Night Out on August 7th at Memorial Park. Literature on substance abuse prevention and free giveaways including glow sticks, chips and candy were given out. The event promoted the existence and value of FLASAP in the community.

Back to School Night on September 11: Dave Reiter reported that he and Lorraine manned a table at the High Schools Back to School Night on September 11 and Lorraine's email to FLASAP members mentioned that parents were appreciative to receive the "Parents Who Host, Lose the Most" literature. Some new names and emails of interested persons were received.

Back to School Night on October 2 & October 10 at the Middle Schools: C. Martinez reported that no FLASAP members were available for the October 2nd and October 10th Back to Schools Nights at Memorial Middle School and TJ Middle School.

New Business:

Kids off the Street Basketball- D. Reiter reported that there is interest by students in continuing the Basketball program and he offered to get students registered and will also structure the teams so all registrants get a chance to play. D. Reiter suggested using trained referees and asked FLASAP for funding support. C. Martinez offered to help with registration. D. Reiter stated that he hopes to start practices before Thanksgiving and then start games after Thanksgiving. D. Reiter made a motion for FLASAP to expend up to \$400 to pay the referees for the "Kids off the Street" Basketball activity and up to \$700 for t-shirts for the basketball teams. The motion was seconded by C. Martinez. All members present were in favor: 7 affirmative votes, 0 negative votes.

New Fund Raising Ideas Vote- D. Bastinck made a motion to explore getting prices for glow in the dark dog tags and for using the dog tags as a fundraiser for FLASAP. The motion was seconded by C. Martinez. All members present were in favor: 7 affirmative votes, 0 negative votes.

River Road Street Fair October 21, 2007- C. Wagner asked for member participation and sent around a sign up sheet. The event will run from 11am to 5pm. Set up is at 10am.

Rescue Squad Child Safety Day Event/Flea Market/Blood Drive November 11, 2007- After a discussion by the FLASAP members, J. Baratta made a motion that FLASAP participate for \$15 for a table. The motion was seconded by C. Martinez. All members present were in favor: 7 affirmative votes, 0 negative votes.

Warren Point School Tricky Tray Event- L. Fleming made a motion for FLASAP to provide a basket valued at \$50 for the Warren Point School Tricky Tray on October 24, 2007. The basket will contain items from FLASAP with substance prevention messages as well as fundraiser items. The motion was seconded by D. Bastinck. All members present were in favor: 7 affirmative votes, 0 negative votes. L. Fleming offered to make and wrap the basket and C. Martinez will contact the school PTA.

FLASE Ad Journal- D. Bastinck made a motion to support FLASE by putting a ½ page ad journal for \$50 in the FLASE newsletter. C. Martinez seconded the motion. All members present were in favor: 7 affirmative votes, 0 negative votes. L. Fleming offered to contact FLASE and forward the FLASAP ad which she designed and submitted to FLASE last year.

Meeting Adjournment:

As there was no further business, a motion was made by D. Carney and seconded by C. Martinez to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm. All in favor.

Next meeting: November 28, 2007 at Fair Lawn Borough Hall, Room 201 at 7:15pm.