

## **FLASAP - FAIR LAWN ALLIANCE FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION**

### **MEETING MINUTES - March 15, 2006**

Fair Lawn Municipal Building, Room 201, 8-01 Fair Lawn Ave., Fair Lawn, NJ

The meeting was called to order by Sgt. Derek Bastinck at 7:17 PM.

The attendance sheet was circulated for sign in. Board members present at the meeting were Sgt. Derek Bastinck, Lorraine Fleming, Cindy Martinez, Bea Sparber and Carol Wagner. Claude Beinstock, concerned citizen; Dennis Carney, concerned citizen; Cliff Librescu, D&A Counselor; and Councilwoman Jeanne Baratta, Council Liaison were in attendance. Guest speakers, Carol Adelson and Eric Levin were also present. Introductions followed the attendance.

Refreshments were provided by Bea Sparber and Lorraine Fleming.

Carol Wagner motioned to accept the January 18, 2006 minutes, Cindy Martinez seconded the motion. An email vote following the meeting passed the motion with nine votes in favor, none opposed.

Chuck Logan, Treasurer, was not present and did not provide a report prior to the meeting as requested. Stephanie Nauta, Recording Secretary requested Lorraine Fleming act as Recording Secretary for the meeting in her absence.

Eric Levin presented his report on the Lindsey Meyer Training Institute experience. FLASAP contributed to sponsor his attendance at the week long training at Camp Mason. Eric attends Bergen County Academies, majoring in business. He attended this training as a REBEL Youth Advisory Board Member on the Council of Nine. Workshops on lifestyle choices, presentation skills, anti tobacco skills and motivational speakers were well received by all the participants. Eric expressed his gratitude for FLASAP's monetary support.

Carol Wagner presented the Grant Coordinators Report. Grant guidelines were given to all members present for reference. Mrs. Wagner attended the DARE graduation and was impressed with the student's compositions highlighting their DARE experience. She noted that DARE also includes education on the negative effects of cigarette smoking and students reflected on tobacco as the gateway drug.

C. Wagner discussed membership. It is critical that members attend meetings and communicate with other officers. New members and existing members must be solicited for their participation in meetings and activities. Any officers unable to be present at meetings should provide a report prior to the meeting via email, phone or fax. Carol Wagner motioned to nominate Cliff Librescu and Dennis Carney to the open positions of Trustee. Lorraine Fleming seconded the motion. Five votes were received in favor, none opposed. A follow up email vote to absentee members will followed the meeting. The motion was passed with a total of ten votes in favor, none opposed. Votes were not received from Chuck Logan or Matt Markman. Jeanne Baratta will forward the present Executive Board members information to the Council. After elections of officers by FLASAP's Executive Board in June, the Council is provided with the information regarding the board officers for the year. The information in the Council files dates back to 1991 and Ms. Baratta was advised that the original members are no longer active. According to the Municipal Alliance By-Laws, approved by the Council in 1991, the Council Liaison is not a voting position; however, Ms. Baratta can approach Council with a request to revise this by resolution.

Lorraine Fleming gave the fundraising report. Outstanding from Ecco Recycling is \$22.50. Cartridge World paid \$212 for our last recycling pick up. A profit from the Entertainment Books was \$170 (34 books) and

\$175 from KidStuff coupon books (14 books). KidStuff coupon books are still available. Carol Wagner motioned to continue the sale of these books next year. Cindy Martinez seconded the motion. Five votes were received in favor, none opposed and quorum not present to complete voting an email vote followed the meeting. The motion was passed with a total of nine votes in favor, none opposed. Various ideas were discussed regarding the expansion of our sales efforts for these books. While the proceeds from these books are not large, the effort and time involved are minimal and funds raised helps fulfill our fundraiser requirements stipulated in the grant.

## **Old Business**

**Explorers** - Sgt. Bastinck stated that the Explorers have been approved for “ride along” in police cars as per the Boro Attorney. Recently Explorers went to the park at night to work with night vision equipment. There are 8 – 10 consistent members and 10 sporadic members. A career survey will be done at the high school for member solicitation.

**Keep High School Kids off the Street Basketball Proposal** - With regard to the proposed Keep High School Kids off the Street basketball program, Sgt. Bastinck stated that the gym is available. Referees need to be paid at the end of the night and the Finance Department will be contacted with regard to procedures.

**Dog Bandanas** - Jeanne Baratta and Cliff Librescu offered to assist with the artwork. A quote for production with a minimum 300 quantity was received from Jarrand Promotions for \$2 - \$2.20 each. L. Fleming stated that she did not feel comfortable asking for professional art work assistance due to the possible cost not being approved prior.

**“It’s Your Life – 411”** - Dennis Carney invited Carol Adelson to present the program “It’s Your Life”. This life experience learning program would be a valuable activity for grades 6 – 9. The next local activity will be at Bergen Community College on April 20, 2006. Last year a grant was available from Bergen County Youth Services Commission and Fair Lawn was one of the towns selected to participate, however, the grant funds were not made available with enough time to obtain school administration approval and coordinate the activity. Ms. Adelson and Jeanne Baratta will research funding possibilities.

**Kick Butts Day** - Supplies for Middle School Kick Butt’s Day on April 5, 2006 have been delivered to Eileen Yeager. Temporary tattoos were delivered to Mrs. Rochford, the high school nurse for Kick Butt’s Day at the high school. Carol Wager will follow up with the high school Principal, Mr. Marcella, for details on planning.

**420 Campaign** - The 420 Campaign was delivered to the high school nurse, Mrs. Rochford. C. Wagner consulted with Mr. Marcella, Principal and no decision has been made regarding the implementation of the 420 Campaign. Sgt. Bastinck and Carol Wagner will follow up with the high school administration. The nurse and Matt Markman, SAC are both away on a high school trip this week.

**FLHS All School Dance** - Julie Favaro provided her report on the FLHS February 15, 2006 dance to Lorraine Fleming prior to the meeting. She tended the literature table at the dance. Zack Howitt and high school activities coordinators provided the wristbands at the entrance. Julie stated that FLASAP’s participation was well received. The banner and wristbands have not yet been returned to the Health Department. Zack Howitt reported the following:

I'm sorry I was not able to attend Wednesday’s meeting as I was supposed to report on a couple things. First of all, the school dance from about a month or so was a great success and approximately 450 students attended. It was only open to Fair Lawn High School Students and due to extra security the only ones that were able to attend were High School Students. FLHS Student Government thanks the Alliance for the

contribution for the DJ. The pamphlets were very popular about alcohol and other types of drugs and I observed many students actually taking them and reading through them. Towards the end of the dance, we actually started running low on most of the brochures. I also think that our names on the wristbands were a great success and pretty much we gained major name recognition for all students. I noticed some students kept their wristbands on days after the dance which still had our logo on it. On a separate note, I was informed that the Fair Lawn Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention Banner that was hanging outside the gym for students was misplaced. How this happened exactly was as soon as the dance was over, all the custodians came to the gym and just put everything that looked like garbage in the trash. The banner was rolled into a cardboard cylinder holder awaiting transportation to the student portable however unfortunately it never made it and was confused for trash. I know Ms. Hayek spent many days asking all the custodians about it and looking everywhere around the school with no luck. Due to the funds that Student Government profited from the School Dance and how sorry everyone felt about misplacing the banner, they would like to pay back the alliance the full amount for a new banner. I know the banner is critical for events like street fairs and other events and I'm not sure about the exact banner making-process, but I'd suggest that everyone think of any ways they know to make a new banner more effective and eye-catching that will promote the purpose of FLASAP. As far as I know the wristbands go, Student Government still has them, and I'll bring them to the next meeting or drop them off at the Health Department.

**Blood Drive** - FLASAP is partnering with the Marathon Committee on April 29, 2006 for the blood drive from 3 – 7 PM at the high school. Our members are requested to attend during the blood drive. Publicity is being handled by the Marathon Committee and food provision is being discussed.

**Bicycle Rodeo** - The Bicycle Rodeo is scheduled for April 22, 2006, 11 AM – 2 PM in conjunction with State Farm Insurance Company and the Fair Lawn Police Department. FLASAP handles the helmet sales prior to the rodeo and at the rodeo along with a table for literature. Carol Wagner motioned to provide up to \$300 for expenses for decals for the helmets and the motion was seconded by Cindy Martinez. Four votes were received, none opposed and insufficient quorum prevented the completion of the vote. An email vote following the meeting passed the motion with a total of eight votes in favor, none opposed. Anyone who is interested in have a refreshment table should coordinate with Carol Wagner. The participation of members is requested at the rodeo.

### **New Business**

**Rebel Grant promoted by FLASAP**- Fair Lawn High School was selected to receive a \$3,000 REBEL grant for in school meetings and a staff member to act as coordinator. Carol Wagner followed up with Mr. Marcella, Principal. He had been informed that there was little interest, however, REBEL 2 is in both middle schools and when the students move up to 9<sup>th</sup> grade, there is no continuity of their anti tobacco efforts. Bergen County REBEL holds meetings a various places in Bergen County which makes it difficult for those younger students not of driving age to be involved. Lorraine Fleming spoke with Mrs. Rochford, the school nurse and was told that there was interest from the students and that it would be a positive activity.

**FLASAP's Support of All Sports Program** - Fair Lawn All Sports stated that it is too late to make changes in teams at this time of the year. Uniforms have already been printed. They count on the funding of the sponsors each year to run the program. The money has already been allocated for in the grant in the same amount as last year, \$500. If we do not use the money to sponsor the teams with FLAS, then we cannot move it elsewhere without rewriting the grant and getting it approved. In the interest of the children, it is suggested that we continue to sponsor the teams and advise in writing to FLAS our concerns about the bar t-shirts. Cindy Martinez motioned to sponsor the teams, Carol Wagner seconded the motion. Four votes were received in favor. Quorum was not present to complete voting. An email vote followed the meeting and the motion was passed with nine votes in favor, none opposed.

**Street Fairs** - The Radburn Street Fair is scheduled for June 11, 2006 and the River Road Street Fair will be held on October 22, 2006. Carol Wagner motioned to participate at both street fairs and allocated \$600 for expenses which includes the cost of the table space, \$50 each fair. Cindy Martinez seconded the motion. The motion was passed with nine votes in favor, none opposed. J. Baratta stated she has access to tables and tents. At a prior meeting a motion was passed to purchase a tent and table. Any member making the purchase will be reimbursed with proper receipt documentation.

**Memorial Day Parade** - The Memorial Day Parade activity for May 29, 2006 at 10:30 PM was tabled as little interest was shown. Several members are also involved in other parade groups and others will be out of town.

**MMS Substance Free Dance Activity** - Memorial Middle School contacted the Alliance for assistance in sponsoring their substance free dance activity on May 5, 2006, Friday 7 – 9 PM. Cindy Martinez motioned to sponsor the dance in the amount of \$125, which is the amount that was previously approved for a similar activity. Lorraine Fleming seconded the motion. Three votes were received in favor, none opposed. Insufficient quorum was present to complete the voting. An email vote following the meeting passed this motion with nine votes in favor, none opposed. Various suggestions were discussed for substance free literature. Eileen Yeager stated in an email following the meeting that the students would make anti substance posters and decorate the gym with them and would appreciate a literature table sponsored by FLASAP. During the dance facts would be stated regarding substance use. L. Fleming will correspond with D. Costa at MMS.

**MMS Moving Up Ceremony** - The Memorial Middle School moving up ceremony in June 2006 was sponsored previously. Certain considerations have to be discussed to ensure that the County's requirements for substance free activities are followed. Cindy Martinez motioned to sponsor the activity in the amount of \$250 and L.Fleming seconded the motion. Three votes were received with insufficient quorum present to complete voting, none opposed. An email vote following the meeting passed this motion with nine votes in favor, none opposed.

**Town Hall Meeting** - On March 28, 2006 there is a town hall meeting at Bergen County Academies 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM regarding underage drinking. To reserve your seat call The Center for Alcohol and Drug Resources at 201-488-8680 by 3/20/06. The town hall meeting is made possible by a grant from the Department of Human Services, Division of Addiction Services.

New contact lists were distributed by L. Fleming. Please submit any additions or corrections.

A list of 2006 – 2007 meeting dates was circulated for consideration and suggestions.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2006 at 7 PM, Room 201.

After there was no further business to be discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by Cindy Martinez and seconded by Carol Wagner. The meeting was adjourned, all in favor, at 10:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Fleming  
Corresponding Secretary