

Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program of Weston Minutes from February 13, 2008 Board meeting

Attendance: Susan Earle, Emma Lander, Lisa Foster, Susan Seath, Karen Sitney, Patti Masarek

Guests: Pam Kelley, Christine Lomuscio, Carla Welch, Jamie Katz

Domestic Violence Report: Patti Masarek

ADAP supported National Teen Dating Violence Awareness Prevention Week with a donation of \$500. This money went towards lifestyle silhouettes with messages of teen dating violence that were displayed in the high school. Darien High School and Wilton High School shared the silhouettes with Weston High School throughout the week. There was a film on display that was seen by over 200 WHS students. Tee shirts were sold. Survey results disclosed that Weston's statistics for teen dating violence are in line with national statistics. Teen dating violence occurs across all socio-economic and racial groups. Awareness is improving. Teens are calling the hotline. National Teen Dating Violence Awareness Prevention Week will happen next year at WHS.

President's Report: (Delivered by Susan Earle)

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, March 12th at 7 P.M. at the home of Celeste McGeehan, 45 Cavalry Road, Weston.

Celeste McGeehan and Susan Earle were at a Kiwanis meeting on January 26th for a donation presentation where ADAP accepted a donation of \$3,500 earmarked for the YLC.

ADAP and Weston Boosters Club (Boosters donated \$600 to ADAP) are co-sponsoring an evening about "what's in the heads of your teens" on Wednesday, March 26th from 7:00-8:30pm in the Weston Public Library Community Room. There will be a panel of YLC students, moderated by John McGeehan. Tough questions will be posed to these students about life as a teen in Weston. Parents are encouraged to attend. Promotion of the event will be key to its success. There will be an e-mail blast to all parents, an article in the school newspapers and an article in the Forum. Details will be provided to The Weston Boosters Club so they can promote it within their organization.

We received \$2,400.00 from the Mid-Fairfield Substance Abuse Coalition and received another installment of \$2,500.00 from the United Way.

The Mountain Laurel Dance is planned for Saturday, April 26th.

Grim Reaper is May 16th. Susan Seath and Barbara Berliner are working with the YLC on plans for the day. The students have expressed an interest in taking on more of the responsibilities for this year's event.

The nominating committee for next year's Board is being formed. All current members are encouraged to propose names of parents they think will want to get involved.

Next Executive Board meeting is Tuesday, March 4th at 4:00pm.

Website: Susan Earle

Stage I of the website has been launched. Everyone is encouraged to go to the site and offer Susan their feedback and ideas (www.westonadap.com). Links will be added.

Secretaries' Report: Karen Sitney

A motion was made by Karen Sitney and seconded by Susan Seath to approve the minutes of the January meeting. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Earle (for Debbie Eldon)

A detailed Treasurer's report was submitted by Debra and reviewed by the Board. The cash balance as of the end of January is \$11,493.32. We have collected an additional \$621.00 in fundraising this month. We received a refund check from the insurance company for \$482.00. According to Travelers Insurance, this was due to a "decrease liability exposure...social gatherings and meetings from 10 to 2 special events for Dance in December and Dance in Spring". We spent \$2,250.00 on YLC this month. We also spent \$500.00 on a donation for the Domestic Violence Task Force and \$500.00 to Dave Senft for our website design.

Presentation: John McGeehan

John McGeehan, MSW, ADC, who oversees the Youth Leadership Council, made a presentation to the Board and three guest parents, all of whom have children in YLC.

His presentation began with his background and his reasons for being dedicated to teens and substance abuse. He talked about what is going on with teens in Weston, drinking, parties, parents' roles and responsibilities. He continued with how ADAP and particularly YLC has empowered kids and given them the knowledge about the different substances, risks, strategies, and ways to react to situations involving drugs and alcohol etc. Guest speakers have been very effective. Some of the YLC speakers have included police officers and EMTs as well as past substance abusers. He talked about transition from middle school to high school and high school to college as being very vulnerable times in a child's life. He discussed the enthusiastic response he has gotten from the 8th grade students when he brought the YLC program to WMS this year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Foster and Karen Sitney, Secretaries