

**Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program of Weston
Minutes from April 23, 2009 Board meeting**

Attendance: Barbara Levi-Berliner, Susan Earle, Debbie Eldon, Kristin Ferrara, Carl Filsinger, Lisa Foster, Charlene Chiang- Hillman, Olga Kunevsky, Joseph Kunevsky, Jackie Kupper, Khadija Lalani, Meredith Lomuscio , Celeste McGeehan, Emma Tobin

President's Report: Celeste McGeehan

The Voluntary Action Center of Mid-Fairfield Award (VAC Award) was presented in Norwalk. Woody Bliss, Weston First Selectman, presented the award. This year's recipients are Linda Nash, ADAP's Publicity & Newsletter Chairman and the four YLC Reps, Emma Tobin, Khadija Lalani, Meredith Lomuscio & Danny Goldberg.

Barry Goldberg, Susan Earle and John McGeehan presented to the Weston Kiwanis and did a wonderful job giving an overview of YLC. Hal Shupack, Kiwanis Philanthropy Chairman called to say the Weston Kiwanis will give ADAP \$3,500 for half of one YLC program.

Thank you to Susan Earle and David Senft for their continued efforts to improve the ADAP website. Thanks to Olga Kunevsky and the Weston Senior Center for Mt. Laurel invitations and coordination. Thank you also to Marsha Siegelstein, Susan Earle and Linda Nash for the Weston Forum "Letter to the Editor" about teenage drinking that appeared 4/23/09.

A Parent Forum on alcohol and underage drinking will take place on Monday, April 27th at 7:00pm at the Weston Town Hall Commission Room. The panel will include Chris Gallagher, Attorney at Law, Leslie Rogers, LCSW Positive Directions, Detective Carl Filsinger, Weston Police, Marilyn Kirchner, Weston EMS, John McGeehan, LCSW and YLC moderator and WHS members of ADAP YLC. It is geared towards WHS and WMS Parents and students, (8th grade and older).

United Way of Greater Bridgeport will receive a grant request from ADAP on or after May 15th. A grant request has been submitted to Weston Women's League.

The pre-prom program has been scheduled. It is Dr. Michael Fowlin, Actor-Psychologist. It will take place on Tuesday, May 26th with assemblies at 9:20am and 12:10pm. YLC members will organize and set-up breakfast. Carl Filsinger wants to do a pre-prom info session for parents and students. He is coordinating with WHS. The WHS prom is Saturday, May 30th at Water's Edge in Monroe.

Next Board meeting is **May 14th**.

Secretaries' Report: Lisa Foster

February minutes: A point of clarification – the WHS prom in 2010 is planned for a Friday, not this year. A motion was made by Deb Eldon and seconded by Susan Earle to approve the minutes of the February meeting. The motion passed.

March minutes: A motion was made by Susan Earle to approve the March minutes and seconded by Deb Eldon. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Debra Eldon

The beginning balance for March 2009 was \$14,214.63. We received our 5th grant check from United Way for \$2,500.00. We received additional fundraising funds of \$500.00. The fundraising program has brought in \$3,311.00 to date. We spend \$250.00 on website design and \$2,310.00 on YLC. The ending balance for March is \$14,654.63. What we have coming up should net us the cushion we will need for the beginning of next year. More fundraising is suggested. The YLC bake sale should be repeated.

Gayle Weinstein, Weston Selectman, made suggestions for locations for YLC meetings for free. Celeste will follow-up.

YLC Report

There is a trip planned to Mountainside Treatment Center planned for April 24th. Leave WHS at 3:00 and returning at 10:30pm.

ADAP Dances: Olga Kunevsky

Mountain Laurel dance will take place on Saturday, May 9th at 8pm at Temple Israel in Westport. The RSVP date on the invitation is incorrect. It was decided that because RSVPs to date have been low that the dance will be opened up to all grades, not just 9th and 10th. Eleventh and 12th grade students can attend without an invitation but will need to download a contract from the ADAP website and will need to mail it in with payment to attend. YLC reps will make announcements at the high school and put up posters to spread the word. Calls will be made to those who have already RSVP'd to be sure they are in agreement with 11th and 12th grade students attending. If not, a refund will be granted. There will be a photo booth and "black light" lighting at the dance. The group agreed that a slushy machine might be too messy so it was rejected. Chaperones and set-up help was requested.

Publicity

This week's Weston Forum had three articles about ADAP.

Website (www.westonadap.org): Susan Earle

Contracts, announcements and links related sites can be found on the ADAP website. All are encouraged to visit the site.

Guest Speaker: Kristin Ferrara, Director of Youth Services

Kristin began with an overview of her background and qualifications. She began in Weston as Director of Youth Services in December. She interfaces with the schools, social services, police and Kids in Crisis. There is a great deal of referring of students and families to other organizations within Weston and outside Weston. Carl Filsinger and Charlene Chaing-Hillman commented on how impactful and insightful Kristin has been during her short time in Weston and how helpful her expertise has been when they have referred students and families to her. Kristin spoke of the programs she oversees and supports. She sees the challenging economic climate negatively affecting Weston's youth. Kristin spoke enthusiastically about the upcoming Parent Forum and hopes for SRO!

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Foster, Secretary