

Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program of Weston Minutes from February 12, 2009 Board meeting

Attendance: Susan Earle, Debbie Eldon, Kristen Ferrara, Lisa Foster, Barry Goldberg, Danny Goldberg, Charlene Chiang- Hillman, Jamie Katz, Khadija Lalani, Ginger Jespersen, Olga Kunevsky, Allison Martin, Celeste McGeehan, John McGeehan, Susan Seath, Marsha Seigelstein

President's Report: Celeste McGeehan

Thank you to Susan, Jacki and Jamie for sending a letter to all YLC Parents and for all who called YLC parents urging their participation and support (financial and otherwise). Thank you to Susan and David for the new website design. All are encouraged to visit the site and give feedback. There is a desire to have more on the site such as info, letters, notes and possibly YLC essays (with their permission even if the essays are anonymous). Thank you also to Barry , Debbi and Susan for attending a meeting with Hal Shupack, Philanthropy Chair for the Weston Kiwanis Club. And thank you to Karen for completing MFSAC & County Assemblies grant applications.

Nominating Committee meeting tabled for a future date.

Next Board meeting is March 27th.

Secretaries' Report: Lisa Foster

A motion was made by Lisa Foster and seconded by Celeste McGeehan to approve the minutes of the November meeting. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Debra Eldon

Opening balance for January was 12,102.31. ADAP received additional fundraising checks this month for \$770.00 bringing the total fundraising for this year to \$2,226.00. We received our 4th installment of \$2,500.00 from the United Way grant. The YLC students collected \$61.32 in cash at their last two meetings. The ending balance for the month is \$13,081.63. Debbi is encouraging ADAP to explore more fundraising opportunities and grants.

YLC Report: Kadija Lalani & Danny Goldberg

The YLC is gearing up for the Parent Forum in March and the pre-prom activities in May. YLC proposes a battle of the bands as a spring fundraiser.

ADAP Dances: Olga Kunevsky

Mountain Laurel dance will take place on Saturday, May 9th at 8pm at Temple Israel in Westport. Because of finances it was recommended that the dance be "bare bones" in terms of extras. YLC is encouraged to ask their classmates for feedback. WHS Prom is on a Friday night this year.

An 8th grade dance is being supported by Ken Craw, Principle WMS. We need a parent dance coordinator.

Fundraising/Communications: Barry Goldberg

We need to "think outside the box" for fundraising. It would be great to get the kids involved in fundraising efforts.

Publicity: Linda Nash

The newsletter is now online. There will be publicity around the Parents' Forum and pre-prom activities.

Website: Susan Earle

Susan is always looking for suggestions. It was discussed that a fundraiser page should be included with an electronic option to donate.

Other Business

Charlene was surprised to learn that we pay rent to Norfield for YLC meetings. She will look into alternatives.

Guest Speaker: John McGeehan, YLC Director

Susan Earle introduced John by first giving a brief history of YLC. John discussed his curriculum as well as his goals and objectives for the groups. YLC has grown from one group to two groups in WHS and now there is one in WMS for 7th and 8th graders. He is hoping to organize a field trip to a Canaan, CT recovery center for YLC members. He hopes next year he can get YLC parents to offer more support to the program. Next year there might be a need for a user fee for each student with scholarships for hardship cases so that no one is excluded. Currently, YLC is not "zero tolerance" and there is always discussion around whether or not it should be. Parents need to be part of the process. They are often times contributors to WHS kids using. It was discussed that years ago "safe houses" were designated in the student directory so parents could feel comfortable allowing their kids to go to a "safe house" and know that alcohol would not be served.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Foster, Secretary