

Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program of Weston Minutes from January 9, 2008 Board meeting

Attendance: Susan Earle, Celeste McGeehan, Jackie Kupper, Emma Lander, John Reed, Karen Sitney, Eric Tyson

President's Report: Celeste McGeehan

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, February 13th. John McGeehan will speak about the Middle School and High School YLC programs. Celeste thanked the volunteers who helped with the Evergreen Ball, and especially Olga Kunevsky and Mary Louise Santacaterina who organized the dance. She thanked Debra Eldon for getting all the reimbursement checks out so quickly. Celeste reported that the Fall fundraising mailing generated \$621 in donations since the December meeting. She thanked Karen Sitney and Lisa Foster for sending thank you notes and red emergency cards to the donors. The donation from Kiwanis of Weston (\$3500) was discussed. Kiwanis is encouraging ADAP to seek funding through the Town of Weston. Celeste will follow up with the Board of Finance. To date, funding from the Town has been through Weston Youth Services, who contributed \$500 for Grim Reaper Day last year.

Grim Reaper: Celeste McGeehan

The first Grim Reaper organizational meeting will be Thursday, January 17 at 8:00 at Celeste's house. The YLC reps will coordinate the student meetings. Susan Earle will coordinate with Staples HS (Chris Lemone, TAG) so that the 2 events will again be held on the same day.

Secretaries' Report: Karen Sitney

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

Treasurer's Report: Celeste McGeehan (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 December is \$13,640.32. We received an installment of \$2500 from United Way. Evergreen Dance ticket sales brought in \$6600, with an additional \$550 being donated by parents of students attending the dance. YLC expenditures for the month were \$2490, and Evergreen Dance costs to date were \$1858.56.

Evergreen Dance: Celeste McGeehan (for Olga Kunevsky)

We had more than enough parent volunteers this year. Emma will get feedback about how the dance went, how the kids liked the DJ, etc. to help with planning next year's dance.

Youth Leadership Council (YLC) Student Report: Susan Earle and Emma Lander

Speakers at the YLC meetings this month were Carl Filsinger, who encouraged kids not to be afraid to call 911, and a speaker who discussed marijuana addiction. Dr. Reed was supportive of our use of red emergency cards, to make sure kids know where to get help if needed. He started a similar practice in Newtown. He felt that there is a need for an anonymous 24 hour hot line to be staffed by WPD, as work with consultants post-Columbine suggested that guarantee of anonymity increases the likelihood that students will report dangerous behavior. He encouraged ADAP to advocate for this with the Police Department. Emma and Danielle are organizing the Parent's Forum, to be held at the Weston Library (date TBD). Dr. Reed spoke about similar programs in his previous district. Newtown held an optional workshop (4-5 sessions with consultants) with Middle Schoolers and their parents. Sessions were held for both mixed groups (parents and kids) and separate groups (parents only or kids only). He would like to provide more opportunities for parents to talk about the issues of parenting teens, and suggested a theme of "The Year of the Parent" to celebrate ADAP's 25 year anniversary. He also noted that the school districts television channel will be available by Spring, and that ADAP can develop programs and use that forum to reach a wider audience.

Domestic Violence Task Force: Jackie Kupper

The week of February 4-8 is Teen Dating Violence Week. Students on the Task Force are working on a program to increase awareness about this issue. They plan to stage some vignettes, to distribute literature at school, and hope to show a movie, if they can come up with sufficient funding. Susan Earle moved that ADAP grant the DVTF \$500 to support the HS effort to publicize Teen Dating Violence Week. Karen Sitney seconded the motion, which passed. Jackie noted that the Police Dept. has changed the way Domestic Violence calls are reported. Whereas all calls used to be reported (including those that weren't really DV incidents such as falls), but now only calls judged to be real acts of DV are reported.

High School and Middle School Coordinators: Susan Seath and Eric Tyson no news to report

Town wide Survey: Dr. Reed

Dr. Reed said that the survey will not be done in February, but will be later in the year. He felt that a permanent superintendent should be involved. Lisa Foster will represent ADAP on the survey task force.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Foster and Karen Sitney, Secretaries