

**Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program of Weston  
Minutes from June 11, 2008 Board meeting**

**Attendance:** Susan Earle, Debbie Eldon, Lisa Foster, Barry Goldberg, Jamie Katz, Jackie Kupper, Emma Lander, Celeste McGeehan, John McGeehan Sr., Susan Seath, Karen Sitney, Danielle Tolkin

**President's Report: Celeste McGeehan**

Celeste announced that both Jamie Katz and Barry Goldberg have agreed to join the ADAP Board. The full slate is included below.

"Dirt Day" with John Morello was a success. Celeste thanked Susan Earle, Susan Seath, Barbara Levi-Berliner, and all of the parent volunteers and YLC members who participated. She also thanked John McGeehan for his time and commitment to YLC this year. YLC continues to grow, with 50 new high school members signing up after Dirt Day this year.

Celeste thanked Debra Eldon for her year-end report. Donations received this month include \$500 from County Assemblies and \$350 from WHS PTO (to fund one edition of the newsletter).

Celeste and Susan Earle made a presentation to the town Board of Finance about the High School and Middle School YLC programs, at the request of the United Way which funds 2 of the 3 YLC groups.

This year's ADAP Scholarship Award was presented to Emma Lander, Ryan Seymour and Danielle Tolkin, who each will receive \$250 at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> assembly. There will also be a plaque presented which will hang in Town Hall.

Finally, Celeste thanked Jackie Kupper for writing thank you letters to donors.

**New Board: Celeste McGeehan**

A motion was made by Susan Earle to accept the proposed Board below, with the understanding that open positions will be recruited for and filled during the year. The motions was seconded by Susan Seath, and carried unanimously.

President: Celeste McGeehan  
Co-President: To Be Determined  
Treasurer: Debbi Eldon  
Grant Writing: Karen Sitney  
Fund Raising & Communications: Barry Goldberg  
Secretary: Lisa Foster  
YLC: Susan Earle and Celeste McGeehan  
YLC Data Coordinator: Jamie Katz  
Website Design: Susan Earle

Newsletter: TBD  
Publicity: Linda Nash  
Evergreen & Mountain Laurel Dances: Olga Kunevsky  
WHS Coordinator and WHS PTO Representative: Susan Seath  
WMS Coordinator: Eric Tyson  
Helping Hands: Jackie Kupper and Ginger Jespersen  
Weston Police: Detective Carl Filsinger  
Additions to the Advisory Board: Barbara Levi Berliner

The motion carried. There was discussion about the absence of a President and a newsletter editor. New blood is needed. All Board members are encouraged to promote the ADAP Board to others, particularly parents of YLC members. An article for the Forum about soliciting members for the Board is being written.

**YLC Report: Emma Lander, Danielle Tolkin, Susan Earle**

YLC interest is up, thanks to increased visibility this year. The two new programs, DIRT and the Parent Forum, were well received. The decision to replace Grim Reaper with DIRT this year showed that there are many ways to approach the issue of awareness. Danielle was congratulated for her leadership on the Parent Forum. There was some discussion about eventually adding a program during Red Ribbon Week to keep the visibility up. Susan stated that our task now is to keep YLC important, with groups that are still relatively small and intimate. Danielle spoke about the skills she had gained through participation in YLC (organization, communication), which she feels will help her in college. She thinks that the seeds for this organization to grow have been planted, and that next year is crucial to keep that going. She suggested trying a college forum for parents, with YLC grads from the past few years coming back to participate in a panel. They can not only talk to kids and parents about their college experiences, but can describe the impact that their ADAP training has had on their choices. Lisa Foster said that Boosters plans to keep funding this ADAP special project, and suggested that maybe the Parent Forum can be tied to Red Ribbon Week. Emma thanked ADAP for a great three years, and said that she is more confident in her decision making skills after her experience with YLC.

**Treasurer's Report: Debra Eldon**

A detailed Treasurer's report was submitted by Debra and reviewed by the Board. The cash balance as of the end of May is \$14,064.03. We received a check from the Booster Club for \$600, from WHS PTO for \$350, from County Assemblies for \$500, and from an anonymous donor for \$1000. We spent \$2,293.00 on YLC this month, \$3122.29 on the DIRT program, \$750 on scholarships, and an additional \$494.89 on the Mountain Laurel Dance.

**Secretaries' Report: Karen Sitney**

A motion was made by Karen Sitney and seconded by Debra Eldon to approve the minutes of the May meeting. The motion passed.

**HS PTO: Susan Seath**

Susan reported at the PTO luncheon about how successful ADAP was this year. There was good feedback about the DIRT program.

**MS PTO: Karen Sitney**

Karen reported that she had discussed ADAP's mission and the YLC with the new principal of WMS, Ken Crow. He was interested and asked to be kept informed.

**Publicity: Celeste for Linda Nash**

Celeste handed out copies of the Forum article by Patricia Gay about ADAP and the DVTF being recognized by the Voluntary Action Center of Mid-Fairfield.

**Domestic Violence Task Force: Jackie Kupper**

Jackie was at the Steering Committee meeting on 6/7. October will be Domestic Violence Awareness month. The first week will be devoted to teen programs. There will also be a teen program in February. There will be an information table in Town Center set up on Saturday, 10/4. Note that Red Ribbon Week is the last week in October.

Susan Earle thanked Celeste McGeehan for all her hard work this year, which was enthusiastically seconded by all members of the board.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Foster and Karen Sitney, Secretaries