

Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program of Weston Minutes from October 15, 2008 Board meeting

Attendance: Debbie Eldon, Lisa Foster, Danny Goldberg, Jamie Katz, Jackie Kupper, Khadija, Ginger Jepsen, Olga Kunevsky, Stephen Langley (from Mountainside), Meredith Lomuscio, Celeste McGeehan, Linda Nash, Susan Seath, Karen Sitney

President's Report: Celeste McGeehan

Celeste welcomed everyone to the meeting. She welcomed Stephen Langley from Mountainside from Canaan, CT, a drug and alcohol treatment center. She thanked Susan Earle for redesigning the ADAP fund raising brochure. She also thanked Linda Nash for the press releases this month for Red Ribbon Week.

Michael Nerney's presentation on "Alcohol and the Teenage Brain" takes place on Monday, Oct 20th at 7:30 at Bedford Middle School in Westport. Admission is free. All are encouraged to attend this program.

Red Ribbon Week is October 27th-31st. A display banner is going up near the town center. On Monday morning, Oct 27th, YLC members will be handing out bracelets that say "*Color my World, My Future Shines Bright Drug Free*". Students will receive \$2.00 off their lunch at Peter's or Lunch Box during RRW. WIS and HES teachers will hand out bracelets and on Tuesday, WHS YLC members will hand out bracelets at WMS during lunch. On Tuesday, Oct 28th at 9:00am at the Town Hall, ADAP will present their Community Service Award to Barbara Levi-Berliner. The award will be presented by First Selectman Woody Bliss and ADAP President Celeste McGeehan.

The ADAP website is up and running, www.westonadap.org. All are welcomed to visit the site and send Susan your comments and kudos.

Next Board meeting is November 13th.

Secretaries' Report: Lisa Foster

A motion was made by Debbi Eldon and seconded by Celeste McGeehan to approve the minutes of the September meeting. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Debra Eldon

Terry Mello is still working on ADAP's financial records in preparation for tax filings. Most likely ADAP will have to pay back taxes but no penalties. Debbi presented Treasurer's Report. The beginning balance for the fiscal year beginning July 1st is \$14,078.97. We have received two checks so far totaling \$5,000. We also received a company match donation of \$50.00 and another for \$100. Fairfield Country Bank has given ADAP a check for \$200 to be used towards Red Ribbon Week. An adjustment of \$677.84 was made to match the

records with the bank statement. After some expenses the closing balance as of September 8th is \$13,842.50.

Debbi presented the budget for the 2008-2009 year. She explained that if we do all that we did last year with the funds we have ADAP will be \$4,000 in arrears. She suggested an increase in fundraising or requests for more grants to meet growing needs. It was discussed that chaperone and guest refreshments be cut back for the two dances. It was also discussed that the Photo Booth, while very popular at the dances, is an unnecessary expense.

There was also discussion about dropping a spring program to reduce costs. There was a suggestion for a Bake Sale during RRW to raise some money.

Suggestions were made to ask for donations from the Weston Gun Club and Aspetuck Country Club.

YLC Report: Celeste McGeehan

Meredith Lomuscio, Kadija Lalani and Danny Goldberg, three of the four YLC reps were introduced and welcomed. John McGeehan, YLC Director, spoke about the YLC program at WHS and WMS. Essays written by applicants to the YLC program were read to better understand students' reasons for joining YLC. He expressed the desire to integrate more collaboration into the program. To that end, he introduced Stephen Langley from Mountainside who spoke about their program. Perhaps there can be some collaboration between the two groups. There is also a desire for collaboration with other area towns (there is some already with Westport and Fairfield). John expressed that while he has no intention of leaving YLC he needs to have someone shadow him and has identified someone for that role.

Evergreen Dance: Olga Kunevsky

The Evergreen Dance is planned for November 15th from 8-11:00 at Saint Francis of Assisi Church Hall. There are 195 freshman and 201 sophomores invited. Invitations were stuffed by the Senior Center. Board members were asked to stay and seal them. Ginger Jepersen offered to take them to the post office. Contracts for the dance are available on the website. The Parent letter was included in with the invitation. Chaperones are needed. Kids want plenty of water, brownies, cookies and fruit. Balloons with weights will be on each table. The DJ has been hired. The decision was made to exclude the photo booth in an effort to cut costs.

Publicity: Linda Nash

A RRW article will be appearing in the Weston Forum. An article about Evergreen will follow. Linda requests photos from the dances to use in upcoming publicity.

Domestic Violence

Domestic Violence Week increased awareness. Purple ribbons around Weston trees symbolized the number of calls Weston Police have received this year. The bake sale went very well. There is a program Oct 17th at the Weston Lyons Plain firehouse about non-verbal abuse. Tickets are free.

Debbi Eldon will bring refreshments to the November meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Foster, Secretary