

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

Attendance: Susan Earle, Debbie Eldon, Lisa Foster, Barry Goldberg, Jamie Katz, Celeste McGeehan, Karen Sitney, Ken Craw (Principal WMS)

President's Report: Celeste McGeehan

Celeste welcomed Ken Craw to the meeting. He introduced himself to the Board and provided his background and interest in middle school drug and alcohol awareness and prevention efforts.

Celeste presented the 2008-2009 ADAP calendar. September 15th is the Parents' meeting for the 7th and 8th graders. The next ADAP Board meeting is October 16th, 7:00pm at Celeste's home. John McGeehan will be speaking. All YLC parents are invited and encouraged to attend. There was some discussion about whether or not parents of YLC kids should be required to attend this meeting, similar to athletes' parents being required to attend "Meet the Coaches Night". No decision was made.

Positive Directions, Weston Youth Services, ADAP & Wilton Youth Services present Michael Nerney's program, "Alcohol & the Teenage Brain" on Monday, October 20th at 7:30 at Bedford Middle School in Westport, admission is free.

Red Ribbon Week is October 27th-31st. Bracelets have been ordered for distribution at all schools. Posters and pennants will be put up. Lollipops will be given out at WHS. WHS and WMS YLC teens will hand out bracelets at their schools and in addition, on October 28th, bracelets will be handed out to students during the lunch period at WMS. A fundraising brochure will be mailed to all Weston households during RR Week. Weston Center has been very supportive of RR Week in the past. Debbi Eldon has offered to approach Fairfield County Bank to ask for sponsorship of RR Week, specifically they will be asked to underwrite the bracelets.

A motion was made by Celeste and seconded by Susan Earle to nominate Barbara-Levi Berliner, LMSW for the ADAP Community Service Award. The award presentation is TBD.

Domestic Violence Month is October. Purple ribbons will be tied around trees in town representing the number of domestic violence phone calls the Weston Police department received this year. There will be a bake sale in Weston Center on Saturday October 4th as well as other programs and efforts throughout the month. This is the second year Weston has taken part in a town wide effort complete with programs. There were two domestic violence arrests in Weston in August.

Celeste thanked Jamie Katz and Susan Earle for YLC coordination and data filing. She also thanked Karen Sitney and Lisa Foster for updating Board lists and sending meeting invitation. She thanked Susan Earle for updating ADAP website, www.westonadap.org. And finally she thanked Debbi Eldon for all her efforts with ADAP tax filing coordination.

“United Way of Coastal Fairfield County” donated \$15,000 towards YLC.

Secretaries’ Report: Lisa Foster & Karen Sitney

A motion was made by Debbi Eldon and seconded by Susan Earle to approve the minutes of the June meeting. The motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Debra Eldon

Terry Mello, a Weston resident who has done tax filing for the Weston schools’ PTOs has been hired to prepare ADAP’s tax documents. Since she has all of ADAP’s financial paperwork, Debbi will submit the Treasurer’s report at the October meeting.

Debbi will also be presenting the budget for the 2008-2009 year.

YLC Report: Celeste McGeehan & Susan Earle

Applications are still coming in for YLC. Tuesday, September 16th John McGeehan is meeting with the WMS Guidance Department about ADAP. Ken Crow requested that WMS Guidance be involved in any WMS ADAP programs. WMS YLC can have a maximum of 60 kids. A third group will need to be considered. The WMS ADAP program can take twenty 7th and 8th graders.

There was discussion about YLC members passing a hat to take donations each week to subsidize the program.

Jamie Katz is gathering and maintaining a database of all YLC participants. It is making e-mail correspondence with the participants much more efficient.

Communications & PR: Barry Goldberg

Barry asked Ken Crow about WMS’s ability to communicate to students via television in the school to support ADAP events. It would be an effective way to reach the students using school technology, such as white boards.

There was discussion about whether or not some communication to the community about ADAP would be beneficial, particularly about YLC and their commitment to drug and alcohol awareness and include information about the Board’s philosophy on zero tolerance.

It was discussed that the Weston Forum (Patricia Gay) should be invited to interview John McGeehan and some of the members of YLC to provide

information to the community and dispel any misconceived notions about ADAP and YLC.

Karen Sitney will bring refreshments to the October meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Foster, Secretary