

## **Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program of Weston Minutes from September 23, 2009 Board meeting**

**Attendance:**, Susan Earle, Debra Eldon, Kristin Ferrara, Carl Filsinger, Barry Goldberg, Ross Jespersen, Dylann Katz, Jamie Katz, Jackie Kupper, Celeste McGeehan, Susan Seath, Karen Sitney

### **Secretaries' Report: Karen Sitney**

A motion was made by Karen Sitney and seconded by Susan Earle to approve the minutes of the June meeting, with the addition of Khadija's last name (Lalani). The motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report: Debbie Eldon**

A detailed Treasurer's report was submitted by Debbie and reviewed by the Board. The cash balance as of the end of September is \$15,444. We received grant checks this month in the amounts of \$4000 (United Way, first installment of \$10,000 total) and \$800 (County Assemblies). The Weston Women's League has committed to \$1500 in funding that has not yet been received. We have also taken in \$975 in revenue from YLC participants as user fees. Thank you notes to Fairfield Bank (see below), and 2 private donors will be written.

### **President's Report/Budget Discussion: Barry Goldberg**

Barry reported that he had met with Weston Youth Services (Kristin Ferrara) in August, and that WYS had agreed to spearhead the Red Ribbon Week (RRW) planning, in conjunction with YLC. Fairfield Bank has agreed to pay \$400 for the Red Cards that will be handed out. Ross noted that Red Ribbon Week coincides with Homecoming week this year. Kristin will speak to the school and the Athletic Director about coordinating some activities (Cheerleaders can wear red ribbons, can give Community Service award at half-time of Homecoming game). Kristin stated that WYS does not have a defined budget for RRW, and that rather than purchasing wrist bands, pencils, lollipops or other hand-outs, only the Red Cards will be handed out. We will keep the usual format where the cards are handed out at High School on Monday and on Tuesday the HS YLC members will go to the Middle School to talk to students and distribute the cards. Kristin will write to the Town Center Merchants about providing the usual 10% discount during RRW for students showing their red card. Carl will ask the local churches to mention RRW or give an alcohol awareness message in their sermons on the Sunday of RRW. Carl will also supply the Fatal Vision goggles.

### **Youth Leadership Council (YLC) Student Report: Ross Jespersen, Dylann Katz**

There were 33 students at the first Monday YLC meeting and 25 at the Tuesday meeting. Typically the first few meetings have the highest attendance. The membership is still mostly girls, but Jamie will balance the two groups as much

as possible by grade and gender. Only 3 8<sup>th</sup> graders attended the MS YLC meeting, but RRW will be a good recruiting opportunity. John McGeehan will be available to talk to middle school classes on the Tuesday when the YLC members visit the Middle School.

**Evergreen Ball: Barry Goldberg**

Barry asked that a committee be formed to organize the Evergreen dance, which will be on Nov. 21 at Temple Israel. Karen, Olga and Barry volunteered to serve as the committee. Susan Seath will announce the dance and ask for chaperones at the October HS PTO meeting.

**Programs: all**

Possible speaker programs were discussed, including inviting Dr. Roni Cohen-Sandler to speak again. She last spoke at an ADAP-sponsored forum about 4 years ago on "Stressed-out Girls, " and would be a good speaker for transition to high school issues.

The October board meeting will be on Thursday, Oct.15 at 6:30, followed immediately by the mandatory YLC parent meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Sitney, Secretary