

## **Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program of Weston Minutes from November 12, 2009 Board meeting**

**Attendance:** Tiffany Davidson, Debra Eldon, Barry Goldberg, Ross Karlan, Dylann Katz, Jamie Katz, Jackie Kupper, Khadija Lalani, Celeste McGeehan, Linda Nash, Susan Seath, Karen Sitney

### **President's Report: Barry Goldberg**

Barry reported that the ticket sales for tomorrow night's Pasta Dinner fundraiser are very low this year as compared to previous years, possibly because the WHS play has a performance on the same evening. The food has mostly been bought or donated already, so there is not much opportunity to cut losses. We will set up tables at the dinner to distribute information about ADAP (flyers, newsletters and red emergency cards). Barry mentioned that he has had lots of positive feedback about ADAP's image in town.

Celeste and Barry thanked all the volunteers who made Red Ribbon Week a success, especially Jamie Katz, Susan Seath, Tiffany Davidson, and John McGeehan and the YLC reps. They also acknowledged the Evergreen Ball volunteers, and Linda Nash for the recent press releases to The Forum.

The ADAP Community Service Award will be presented to Carl Filsinger. Celeste thanked Jackie Kupper for arranging for the commemorative plaque to be engraved and hung in Town Hall.

Barry circulated an article from the November issue of Greenwich Magazine (In a Time of Need), which states that charitable donations are at an all-time low. He proposed that the next meeting will include a discussion of budget and fundraising strategy. The December meeting will be cancelled as there are several school events that night, and the next meeting will be January 21, 2010.

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

A motion was made by Karen Sitney and seconded by Debra Eldon to approve the minutes of the October meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Karen reported that the periodic report for the United Way grant will be completed on time. The final report will be due in May.

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

A detailed Treasurer's report was submitted by Debbie and reviewed by the Board. The cash balance as of October 31 is \$13,807.75. We received donations in the amount of \$490 and YLC membership fees in the amount of \$3425 during October. We paid Temple Israel a deposit for Evergreen in the amount of \$375, and paid Travelers Insurance \$268 for liability insurance. We paid David Senft \$250 for his work on the website to allow us to upload documents and make changes more easily. Karen will write thank you notes to the donors.

We discussed the fundraising mail campaign. Barry will arrange to have the flyers printed after Susan Earle completes the update. It was suggested that any time-sensitive items be removed from the flyer (e.g. list of current Board Members) so that we don't have to print revised flyers each year. We plan to target the mailing to parents with children in Weston schools. Celeste will ask the Superintendent for permission to use the school district mailing list.

**Youth Leadership Council (YLC) Student Report: Jamie Katz, Dylann Katz, Ross Karlan, Khadija Lalani**

Jamie reported that there are 32 members in each High School group as of now. 3 students have not yet paid the membership fee, but Jamie and John will follow up with getting their completed applications and payment. 21 letters were sent to kids in Middle School who signed up during Red Ribbon Week. 2 of these have sent in applications for YLC, for a total of 6 Middle School members so far. Danny Goldberg and Ross Karlan along with some ADAP YLC members spoke at WMS during RRW. They were well received (and noted that the 6<sup>th</sup> graders liked the pens they handed out!) High School kids did wear red on the designated day. Jamie will try to get a color photo to Linda for The Forum. Jamie mentioned that she has had good feedback from parents about the positive influence of the older kids on the younger members.

**Evergreen Dance: Karen Sitney**

The dance was opened up to allow Freshmen and Sophomores to invite upperclassmen if they wished. So far, no upperclassmen are attending. Celeste has all the supplies and will bring them (breathalyzers, covers, coat check materials, etc.) We will send one more e-mail blast at both Middle School and High School to try to get more chaperones. Currently, we have 8 parents and 2 police officers, and will work 2 shifts (7:45-9:30 and 9:30 – 11:15).

**HS Coordinator and PTO Rep: Susan Seath**

Susan will announce the art contest sponsored by Positive Directions at the next PTO meeting. There is a cash prize and the winner's artwork will be displayed on a billboard in one of the W towns. The art will represent why teens don't or shouldn't drink. All Middle School and High School students are eligible.

**Middle School Rep: Tiffany Davidson**

Tiffany participated in RRW at Hurlbutt and WIS, including helping to decorate a bulletin board. Advertising for the Pasta Dinner was sent to the WIS-tle (WIS newsletter), although due to some electronic glitch, the message only was sent to 80 people.

Tiffany also mentioned that Joseph Califano spoke at Bedford Middle School, promoting his book, How to Raise a Drug-Free Kid: The Straight Dope for Parents. Proceeds from sales of his book go to the National Center for Addiction

and Substance Abuse. This event was co-sponsored by the Westport Library and Positive Directions.

**Domestic Violence Task Force: Jackie Kupper**

Jackie passed out flyers for the upcoming program "Hit Me On My Cell: It's Time To Talk." This forum on the rise of digital abuse among teens will be held at Saxe Middle School on December 3rd and will be moderated by John Seigenthaler.

Jackie also reported that the Weston Women's League will hold their annual holiday breakfast on December 6. Funds raised at that event will be used to fund the grants awarded last spring. ADAP's award from that round of funding will be \$1500.

**Publicity: Linda Nash**

Linda reported that she has run 3 articles in recent issues of The Forum (Red Ribbon Week, Evergreen Ball, Parent Tips). We discussed running a story after Evergreen with photos from the dance, and decided to include a photo release statement on future dance contracts.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Sitney, Secretary