

Hawthorne Municipal Alliance Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 25, 2014

Present: Theresa Bigica, Tiffany Della Croce, Joanne J. Graziano, Mayor R. Goldberg, Councilman Dominic Mele, Helen Pasquale, Sherrine Schuldt

Guest: Paula Tutein

Called to Order: 4:05 pm

- Flag Salute
- Welcome - Ms. Graziano

Topics Addressed

- **HMAC Grant 2014-2019** - Ms. Graziano informed the Committee that our grant has been approved and a letter of acceptance had been received from Donna Huber, Passaic County Municipal Alliance Coordinator. This is exciting news since we can now proceed with the programs established in the grant as well as other activities provided by the Hawthorne Municipal Alliance.
- **United for Prevention in Passaic County (UP in PC)** - Mrs. Schuldt advised the Committee that beginning July 1st, UP in PC will begin to plan the upcoming year's activities so that all may benefit from informational sessions as well as enlightening activities.
- **Family Movie Nights** - Ms. Graziano informed the Committee that the dates chosen were Friday, July 25th and Friday, August 22nd. Mrs. Bigica will facilitate these two events. These dates were chosen in conjunction with the Hawthorne Pool Tube Nights. Ms. Graziano spoke with Mr. Kabrel who helped to coordinate these two activities. By doing so, many families attend both functions on a back-to-back basis.
- **Future Fundraising** - Ms. Graziano asked the Committee if we should again sell the Save Around Coupon Books. The Committee decided that since it was a way of bringing in more grant monies, it should continue for the upcoming year. Ms.

Graziano will ask all Committee members to each sell at least two books. She thanked them in advance for their participation.

- Ms. Graziano also presented the idea of an HMAC Recognition Dinner to be held in the Spring of 2015. This idea was well-received by all Committee members and Mayor Goldberg made a recommendation to honor Mrs. Powell for her many years of service. Ms. Graziano will appoint a Committee in September 2014 to begin working on this project.
- **Restructuring of the Hawthorne Municipal Alliance Committee - Ms. Graziano** suggested that maybe Ms. Clifford would be willing to take on the responsibilities of Coordinator for the Committee. She will contact Ms. Clifford to see if this possibility can become a reality. She will keep the Committee informed of its progress.
- As a point of information, Ms. Graziano raised a concern that Project Graduation may not be able to be funded through our grant. We will have to find another way of budgeting for this substance-prevention activity for our High School's Seniors. That is why it is important for fundraising activities to be held.
- With no other business coming before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Please take note that there will be one HMAC meeting held during the months of July and August. The date will be determined as the need arises.