

Hawthorne Municipal Alliance Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Present: Matthew Corvo, Charlene Elvin, Mayor Rich Goldberg, Joanne J. Graziano, Chief Richard McAuliffe, Councilman Dominic Mele, Helen Pasquale, Sherrine Schuldt, Emily Spina, Jayne Ten Kate

Absent: Lorraine Powell (family obligation)

Called to Order: 4:05 pm

- Flag Salute

Topics Addressed:

- **Family Movie Nights** - The HMAAC Summer Family Movie Nights were a huge success. Each Movie Night had over 100 individuals in attendance. The HMAAC was fortunate to have Mrs. Bigica cover all three Movie Nights. Those that attended expressed sincere thanks to the HMAAC for contributing entertainment and fun in a family setting.
- **Hawthorne Day** - Ms. Graziano informed the committee that the HMAAC will be making a donation to sponsor the Petting Zoo on Hawthorne Day, Saturday, October 5. This is well-received by the community since it enables young children to experience the love of animals.
- **GCADA Grant Cycle - 2014-2019** - Ms. Graziano informed the HMAAC that she and Mrs. Powell attended the first training session for this grant cycle to be put into place. This will involve much committee involvement as well as the needs of the community. This grant cycle is a new process that will be learned step-by-step as we progress into its cycle years. She will keep the Committee informed as the training sessions progress.
- **GCADA 22nd Annual Summit** - Ms. Graziano spoke about this Annual Summit entitled, *Youth-Innovation-Future*, which was held in New Brunswick on Thursday, September 12. She expressed to the Committee that this Summit dealt with mainly recovering addicts. It was very eye-opening as well as heartbreaking. It also

featured the individuals of all the County Municipal Alliances that were being honored for their tremendous hard work and initiatives throughout the year. She indicated that, whenever possible, all Committee members should attend the next Summit.

- **United for Prevention in Passaic County (UP in PC)** - Mrs. Schuldt informed the HMAC that the next Coalition meeting will be held on September 27, 2013 at William Paterson University. The focus of this meeting will be to address how the UP in PC can help all the local Municipal Alliances in fulfilling the objectives of their grant.
- **Peer Leader Update** - Mr. Corvo informed the Committee of the Wyckoff Interact Conference that will take place on October 24, 2013. Seventy-five students will participate and discuss team-building activities as well as problem-solving skills.
- **Fundraising Prospects** - Several Fundraising suggestions were discussed. Mrs. Ten Kate stated that she will pursue the Harlem Wizards (previous activity that was very successful) as well as bringing in a motivational speaker. She will present her findings at the next meeting.
- **October Meeting Date Change** - Ms. Graziano asked the Committee if it would be possible to change the October meeting date from Wednesday, October 23 to Tuesday, October 22. The Committee had no issue with this and therefore will meet on Tuesday the 22nd.
- The Committee members were brainstorming relating to Senior Citizens and the activities that we could provide. The idea of Bingo and several card games were proposed. The Committee suggested that once this was put into place, these activities could be held at the Hawthorne Public Library with prizes and refreshments.
- With no other business coming before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.