

Hawthorne Municipal Alliance Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 26, 2014

Present: Irina Carrasco, Kelly Clifford, Matthew Corvo, Charlene Elvin, Mayor Richard Goldberg, Chairperson Joanne J. Graziano, Councilman Dom Mele, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Jill Mortimer, Helen Pasquale, Emily Spina, Jayne Ten Kate, Pastor Howie Van Dyk

Guest: Paula Tuteh

Called to Order: 4:05 pm

- Flag Salute
- Welcome - Ms. Graziano welcomed all the HMAAC members. She expressed her thanks for last month's meeting on such a great attendance and stated that she is looking forward to another productive year for the Hawthorne Municipal Alliance.
- Special Recognition - Mayor Goldberg presented to Mr. Corvo a citation congratulating him on being named the Hawthorne School District Teacher of the Year. Ms. Graziano, on behalf of the Committee, presented him with a small token of acknowledgment for this distinguished honor. Mayor Goldberg and Ms. Graziano both stated that Mr. Corvo is a viable resource to the HMAAC as well as always being there whenever needed. Kudos on an honor well-deserved!

Topics Addressed

- **HMAAC Grant 2014-2019** - Ms. Graziano informed the Committee that Mrs. Powell had received a letter from the Passaic County Alliance Coordinator, Mrs. Huber, stating that minor changes needed to be made to the grant proposal. As of this date, this is a good sign since the grant format had been completely re-designed and so much more information needed to be infused into the grant.
- **United for Prevention in Passaic County (UP in PC)** - Ms. Graziano reminded the Committee of the WPU Teen Summit, held in conjunction with the March UP

in PC meeting, will be Tuesday, March 18th. If anyone would like to attend, please advise Mrs. Schuldt.

- **Those Who Host...** - Mrs. Elvin distributed to the Committee the proposed storyboard and script that will be used during this campaign. After some review, the Committee was very pleased with the progress of this endeavor and will see the final project before it is "aired". Ms. Graziano stated that whatever Mr. DiLonardo undertakes is always of top-caliber and sends a clear and precise message. We thank him for his assistance! Also, many options are to be explored as to when and where this will be shown during the months of April, May and June.
- **Senior Citizen Activity** - Mrs. Spina informed the Committee that she is working on the April 23rd event and stated that many Seniors will be attending since this is always a pleasurable activity for them. Mrs. Spina is distributing more flyers and will keep us informed on the number of people attending.
- **Peer Leaders Update** - Mr. Corvo thanked the Committee for recognizing his accomplishment as the Hawthorne School District Teacher of the Year. He stated that it was a pleasure to be part of this Committee as well as being the Peer Leader Advisor. He reminded the Committee that the WPU Teen Summit will be held on Tuesday, March 18th and said that all the Peer Leaders are looking forward to this activity since it develops problem-solving skills as well as good networking within Passaic County high schools.
- **Fundraising Activities** - Ms. Graziano informed the Committee that the date for the HMAC Movie Day will be announced at the March meeting since at this time, we do not know what days during the Spring Break will be available (several days need to be made up due to the severe Winter weather). She also informed everyone that fifteen Save Around books were sold at a profit of \$120.00. She hopes to sell more books in the near future.
- Mayor Goldberg informed the Committee that he is working with the Passaic County Sheriff's Department to produce Senior Citizen IDs. Applications are

available at the Municipal Building and must be returned by March 15th. The date for issuing the Senior Citizens IDs will be April 1st. He also informed the Committee of several other upcoming community functions such as the Hawthorne Rotary Beefsteak on March 27th and the Hawthorne Lions Club Beefsteak on April 5th. These are all good networking opportunities for Committee members to attend and are great opportunities to communicate the mission of the HMAC.

- With no other business coming before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.