

Hawthorne Municipal Alliance Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 29, 2014

Present: Theresa Bigica, Irina Carrasco, Kelly Clifford, Tiffany DellaCroce, Charlene Elvin for Mayor Goldberg, Chairperson Joanne J. Graziano, Captain Richard McAuliffe, Councilman Dom Mele, Judge John F. Meola, Helen Pasquale, Lorraine Powell, Sherrine Schuldt, Monica A. Smith - Library Director, Emily Spina, Jayne Ten Kate, Pastor Howie Van Dyk

Guest: Hawthorne Borough Nurse MaryBeth Wetzelberger

Called to Order: 4:05 pm

- Flag Salute
- Welcome - Ms. Graziano welcomed all the HMAC members. At this time, the Hawthorne Municipal Clerk, Mrs. DiBella, swore-in several of the re-appointed HMAC members for the upcoming year.

Topics Addressed

- **HMAC Grant 2014-2019** - Mrs. Powell informed the Committee of the grant status stating that all the necessary paperwork had been filed as well as the new budget proposal for January to June 30th, 2014 grant cycle. The Alliance is waiting for any corrections or additions that need to be made in order for the budget monies to be granted to us. Mrs. Powell requested that if any new programs from the Committee are to be proposed, to please keep in mind that environmental strategies need to be encompassed within each program.
- **United for Prevention in Passaic County (UP in PC)** - Mrs. Schuldt advised the Committee that the Teen Summit will be held in conjunction with the UP in PC meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2014. There will be several guest speakers as well as an activity to be developed by the teen groups that will be attending. She extended the invitation to all HMAC members to attend as well as encouraged participation from all.

- **Project Medicine Drop** - Chief McAuliffe updated the Committee as to the location of the drop box as well as when this endeavor will begin to take place within our community. The drop box needs to be bolted to the floor.
- **Senior Citizen Activity** - Mrs. Spina was given the appropriate information (flyer) to be handed out to the various Senior Citizen groups attending the April 23, 2014 function. Mrs. Spina stated that she has informed several members but due to the severe weather conditions, she has not been able to have a meeting. This function, however, will be addressed on her next meeting date.
- **Those Who Host...** - Mrs. Elvin spoke to the Committee regarding the PSA announcements that will be developed through Hawthorne High School and Mr. DiLonardo's Media Arts 3 Honors class. The PSA will send a positive message from Mayor Goldberg, Police Chief McAuliffe and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mortimer, to all parents and students during Prom and Graduation season. The message will be loud and clear relating to underage drinking.
- **Peer Leaders Update** - Mrs. Clifford updated the Committee on several Peer Leader activities including the WPU Teen Summit on March 18, 2014 as well as other networking and brainstorming activities within the realm of a Peer Leader. She and Mr. Corvo will be attending the WPU Teen Summit along with ten students from Hawthorne High School. She stated that the Peer Leaders are always enthusiastic and always looking for a way to make a difference.
- **Fundraising Activities** - Ms. Graziano spoke about two types of fundraising for the upcoming year: the HMAC Movie Day which will be held during Hawthorne's Spring Break, and suggested that we sell the Save Around coupon books. Several members bought the books in addition to all members agreeing to host an HMAC Movie Day. This would enable the Committee to produce additional funds to assist in programs that might not be allowed under the HMAC grant.
- As a point of information, Judge Meola informed the Committee that he is willing to speak to parents as well as students on any drug-related issue as well as

underage drinking. The Committee thanked him for his willingness and decided he is a tremendous resource and can be used in many ways.

- Mrs. Wetzelberger gave an update on marijuana relating to our Logic Model Statement, stating that marijuana has become a concern to all as well as a detriment to the beginning of using upscale drugs. Many examples and horror stories were exchanged as well as the amount of marijuana that is used.
- With no other business coming before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.