

Hawthorne Municipal Alliance Committee Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2011

Present: Kelly Clifford (HHS Peer Leaders Advisor), Matt Corvo (HHS Peer Leaders Advisor), Charlene Elvin (AA to Mayor Goldberg), Mayor Rich Goldberg, Joanne J. Graziano, John Magna, Councilman Dominic Mele, Superintendent of Schools Robert Mooney, Katherine O'Dowd (Library Director), Michael Padilla, Lorraine Powell, Emily Spina, Caroline Callegari (BGC of Hawthorne), Kayse Howe (BGC of Hawthorne)

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Graziano at 4:10 pm

7/12/11 Minutes – Approved by John Magna, Seconded by Lorraine Powell

Topics Addressed:

- **2012 Grant Application** – Mrs. Powell informed the committee that the 2012 grant application had been submitted. There are no major changes since this year's application has minor additions. Ms. Graziano also informed the committee that out of sixteen municipalities, Hawthorne was one of six that had submitted the application on time. The 2013 grant application will have major revisions; therefore, the application will need to be more extensive in some respects.
- **Family Movie Nights** – Mrs. Elvin and Ms. Graziano both stated that the three Movie Nights were highly successful. At each showing, there were over 150 individuals in attendance. This activity, sponsored by the Alliance, proves to be worthwhile as well as a good networking tool for what the Alliance does. Families need to spend time together. The possibility of a Winter Movie Night will be explored and discussed at a future HMAC meeting.
- **Hawthorne Rotary** – Ms. Graziano was invited by Mayor Goldberg to attend a Hawthorne Rotary luncheon. She was very impressed by the type of service organization the Rotary is. Ms. Graziano spoke about the Alliance and all the services that the HMAC provides. The Rotary gave positive feedback regarding the HMAC activities and a proposal for a possible partnership was discussed. Ms. Graziano will attend a future Hawthorne Rotary meeting and present some recommendations for this partnership.
- **Hawthorne Boys and Girls Club** – Representatives gave a small presentation regarding the Keystone Club and what activities they provide. The Keystone Program is designed to promote and foster character and leadership in the youth of our community. Activities are planned throughout the year and well-received by all those who attend. Questions and answers were exchanged and updates on the Keystone Club activities will be brought back to the HMAC.

- **Library for Teens**—Mrs. O’Dowd, Library Director, came before the committee to discuss the possibility of providing funding for the teen area which is being constructed at the library. The HMAc would provide literature/books relating to Substance and Drug Abuse. The possibility of funding was strongly discussed and will be appropriated once a wish list has been received from Mrs. O’Dowd. Mrs. O’Dowd also provided a monthly calendar which is being given out to all individuals who come into the library. Once the HMAc provides any type of assistance, it will be duly noted on the calendar and recognized. Mrs. O’Dowd will be attending future meetings with updates.
- **HMAc Calendar 2012**—Ms. Graziano presented the 2012 Calendar which was developed in conjunction with the school calendar. After being reviewed, it was accepted and if additional meetings need to be held, the calendar will be adjusted.
- **Peer Leaders**—Ms. Clifford and Mr. Corvo spoke regarding Peer Leader activities relating to such topics as Bullying, Senior Citizen activities and Leadership Skills. If their schedules permit, they will be attending additional meetings and bringing Peer Leader members to talk about what their responsibilities are.
- **Hawthorne Day**—Ms. Graziano asked for volunteers and Michael Padilla stated that he would set up and man the table as needed. He will be bringing additional volunteers with him and Ms. Graziano will cover until the end of the event. Please note that most of the HMAc members are involved in other activities and therefore have to be at other activities during that day. Giveaways and literature will be given out to all those stopping by the HMAc table. *Set up will begin at 10:00 am.*
- With no other business coming before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.