

Hawthorne Municipal Alliance Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2009

Present: Mayor Rich Goldberg, Joanne J. Graziano, Michael Jarvis, Gisela M., Councilman Dominic Mele, Superintendent of Schools Robert Mooney, Lorraine Powell, Emily Spina, Jayne Ten Kate

(Peer Leaders: Chris Cocuzza, Chris Cymny, Emmett McInerney, Tyler Mulvey)

Called to Order: 4:10 pm

9-23-09 Minutes

Approved as Written

Moved by Jayne Ten Kate

Second by Councilman Dominic Mele

Topics Addressed:

- **Underage Drinking Coalition Grant** - Mrs. Powell spoke to the committee regarding this grant and how we will proceed for the 2010 year. A meeting of this committee is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2009. She stated that she will report back to the committee what occurred at this meeting.
- **Peer Leadership Trip** - The Peer Leaders presented the committee with a thank-you collage from their trip to Fairview Lakes Conference Center. They stated that the trip was exciting and adventurous and participated in various leadership activities, such as GAGA, which is a type of dodge ball exercise, and a mixture of trust-related situations which bring together all types of leadership

qualities. They thanked the committee for allowing them to attend this invigorating conference.

- **Senior Citizen Activity** - Mrs. Powell indicated that we will be having a New Year event in January 2010 with the Van Dyke Assisted Living residents and the various Senior Citizen groups from our community. Mrs. Spina reminded the committee that if at all possible, we could find some type of assistance for our seniors from the Peer Leaders during the winter months, such as snow shoveling or, in the springtime, lawn mowing. Ms. Graziano indicated that we would look into this and see exactly what our Peer Leaders can do in helping to assist our Senior Citizens of Hawthorne (check into insurance or legal issues).
- **Holiday Party** - Mayor Goldberg informed the committee that there would be a Holiday Party for all boards, committees, and departments within Hawthorne to celebrate the upcoming Holiday season as a family. Invitations were given out and the party will be held on Wednesday, December 9, at the Tides Restaurant in North Haledon. All are encouraged to attend.
- **New Projects** - Ms. Graziano asked the group if anyone had any new ideas regarding programs or projects. A discussion was held and the reinstatement of the Harlem Wizards as a family activity was spoken about as a possibility. This will be looked into and details will follow.
- **Hawthorne Day - September 26, 2009** - Ms. Graziano expressed to the group that our booth at Hawthorne Day was a tremendous success and well-received. Our SAFE Frisbees were given out as well as literature relating to smoking as a problem for both parents and children. The Peer Leaders helped to man the booth as well as Mrs.

Powell and Ms. Graziano. It was a great day for the community of Hawthorne. Congratulations to the Hawthorne Day committee on a job well done!

- **As a point of information, Mrs. Powell indicated that there were some funds to be spent before December 31, 2009 from various line items. Several options were discussed and funds will be dispersed accordingly.**
- **Ms. Graziano also stated that there is no date for a November 2009 meeting, so one needs to be scheduled. After some discussion, it was recommended that we meet on Wednesday, December 2, 2009. She also asked that whoever can attend the Holiday Celebration please do so.**

Meeting Adjourned: 5:00 pm