

Hawthorne Municipal Alliance Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2009

Present: Mayor Rich Goldberg, Joanne J. Graziano, John Magna, Councilman Dominic Mele, Superintendent of Schools Robert Mooney, Lorraine Powell, Emily Spina

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

Called to Order: 4:05 pm

10-28-09 Minutes

Approved as Written

Moved by Mayor Rich Goldberg

Second by Lorraine Powell

Topics Addressed:

- **Senior Citizen Activity** – Mrs. Powell stated that this activity will take place on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 3:00 pm at Van Dyk Assisted Living. All Hawthorne Senior Citizen groups have been asked to attend as well as those residing at Van Dyk's. She requested, if possible, that Committee members help to set up at 2:00 pm on that day.
- **Underage Drinking Coalition Grant** – Mrs. Powell indicated that Hawthorne's grant will be initiated once the HMAC decides the activities to focus on for the year 2010.
- **Peer Leadership Activities** – Several of the HMAC Peer Leaders spoke about activities that they have recently been engaged in during a training session. They are as follows: the Choice Game, which deals with making choices regarding life decisions, and also Respect and Challenges, dealing with such topics as unwed mothers, homelessness, and STD. These activities were well-received and very informative which led to questions and answers dealing with various situations.

- **Holiday Party** –Mayor Goldberg reminded everyone of the upcoming holiday party which is to be held on Wednesday, December 9th, at the Tides in North Haledon. He hopes to see everyone there.
- **As a point of information, Ms. Graziano and Mrs. Powell spoke about the annual joint meeting of all Municipal Alliances within the county which is to be held on December 18th at the Brownstone House. All are encouraged to attend.**

Concerns Addressed:

- Mr. Robert Mooney, the Superintendent of Schools, addressed an issue regarding Internet Safety. He indicated that some issues had come up within the School District which need to be addressed on a broad-based initiative concerning parents and all members of the community. It was recommended that a joint meeting be held with the Mayor and Town Council, the Board of Education, the Municipal Alliance, the Police Department, the Boys and Girls Club, and all Parent Organizations. After some discussion, it was decided that someone would be asked to give a talk on Internet Safety and all that is involved. This initiative will be worked on and discussed at our January 2010 meeting. Also, Mr. Mooney said that he would like representation at the December 10th, 2009 PTO Council meeting to speak about this concern and get everyone on board.
- In closing, Ms. Graziano wished everyone a happy and healthy Holiday Season and the best for 2010.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:05 pm