

MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE OF RANDOLPH
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
October 27, 2010

Members Present: Kim Garnett (CH), Nancie Ludwig (V-CH), Janet Pollio, Dave Bratton, Will Haney, Mike Obremski, Michelle Polk, Liz Ritter, Maryalice Thomas

Guest: Mark Caputo

Kim Garnett opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Chairperson's Report: Nancie reported that Arlene Price from the Kiwanis Club contacted her to speak at an upcoming meeting about the MAC. She also was interested in having Liz Warner from the United Way and Patrick Fennell from Empowerment Solutions present to the Kiwanis Club regarding the mentoring program.

Treasurer's/Administrator's Report: Janet submitted the Program Modification form to the County on Oct. 1st to change the grant funding from the Stress Management/Positive Coping Skills program to the SADD Club, as a partial advisor stipend. Janet also submitted the 3rd quarter program reports to Beth Jacobson on Oct. 15th.

A new County Alliance Coordinator, Steve Nebesni, has been hired.

The MAC received a check for \$300 from the Kiwanis Club to purchase 30 of Dari Dyrness-Olsen's book "Teen Talk for Parents: 7 Secrets for Safe, Smart & Successful Teens" for the Parent Power Forum.

Janet has been receiving & logging in checks for the SAFE Homes membership. To date, 209 families have joined & \$2,040 has been collected. This is down from the previous membership drive two years ago.

Janet reported on the remaining budgets for the 2010 grant. "Regular Grant": RAP has \$1,032 and Underage Drinking Prevention has \$429.75 left to spend. Supplemental Grant: RAP has \$2,000 & Community Education (40 Assets) has \$550 left for supplies. Janet is sure the RAP program will utilize their funding. All funding needs to be spent by 12/15/10.

Money needs to be moved between existing budgets in the MAC Trust Account in order to cover Administrative Expenses for 2010. The committee voted for a 2009 budget of \$2,000 but didn't vote beyond 2009, thinking that the township would cover the Administrative Coordinator's salary that is in excess of what is covered by the grant. Since that didn't happen in 2010, another \$2,000 needs to be budgeted for Administrative Expenses. Janet proposed two different scenarios as to how the money could be reallocated. One option was to reallocate the money that remained at the end of 2009 in several budgets. Nancie made a motion to reallocate the following funding to the 2010 Administrative Expenses budget in the MAC Trust Account (all were from the 2009 program allocations): Admin. Exp. \$51.60, 40 Assets \$1,000, RAP \$555.02, and Marketing/Advertising of MAC \$358.41 for a total of \$1,965.03. Liz Ritter seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The Countywide Prevention Forum will be held on Dec. 9th from 5:30-8:30 pm at the Meadow Wood Manor. NY Times bestselling author, Rosalind Wiseman, will present "Queen Bees & Wannabees: Navigating the New Realities of Girl World and Boy World".

Old Business: At the last meeting, Mike Obremski said he would talk to John Lovell to determine his reasons for having the MAC pay Pavia a fee to set up the SAFE Homes electronic directory in addition to what the township pays her as the webmaster. Mike reported that John said this would not fall under Pavia's normal work as webmaster, based on her contract. There were also additional questions raised at the Sept. MAC meeting. Janet followed up with Pavia and sent an email to the committee with the answers: Q. how does the volunteer enter the data—right into web page or into an Excel file, A. right into web page; Q. if families

can join at any time, who will add their data, A. same volunteer; Q. if the membership form is on the web page, will they register right on the web page or will they have to print out a form and mail it in, A. print out form & mail it in is best scenario so Pavia doesn't need to contact MAC treasurer to find out if she can upload the information based on the receipt of a check; Q. will the web page be maintained for 2 years & if after the 2 years, will there be another set up fee, A. once the directory is set up, there shouldn't be a maintenance fee. She is using a program that will automatically remove the seniors and bump up each grade level after the first year. Therefore, with all the information discussed to date, Nancie made a motion to have Pavia create an electronic database for the SAFE Homes Directory, based on the information communicated between Janet & Pavia. Michelle Polk seconded the motion and all were in favor.

New Business: Since the Underage Drinking Prevention budget still has \$429.75 that should be used in the middle school, Janet suggested having New Bridge Services present their drug & alcohol education program to the students and parents. Michelle Polk will contact New Bridge Services and work to spend the remaining funds.

Liaison Reports:

Mike Obremski (Town Council): The Morris County Freeholders hosted a Citizen Call to Action at the Police Academy on Wed, 10/20. The theory behind the program and the information distributed was great, but the number of attendees was disappointing.

(Assistant Town Manager): Nothing to Report.

Mark Caputo (Health Dept.): Mark submitted a quote for the red ribbon week article in the Randolph Reporter since it was too late to get a quote from the Board of Health. Mark met with Al Falco, Ted Loeffler & the RHS sports trainer regarding the policy on concussions; their input was favorable. The policy on head injury will move forward and they will possibly implement concussion testing.

Maria Martorana (Board of Ed): BOE has accepted the resignation of Al Falco, for retirement. The RMS teacher who left school allegedly drunk has been granted unpaid leave with only benefits paid until her retirement in November 2011.

Kim Garnett (PTA Council): Nothing to Report.

Program Reports:

School Programs: Since the supplies for Red Ribbon Week were lost last year when left at Ironia School, this year Michelle Polk gave them to Trish at Center Grove School. Trish is no longer at the school & the supplies for Center Grove & Ironia were again lost. This will have to be resolved in 2011. Maryalice contacted the 4 elementary schools and offered to do various activities for Red Ribbon Week; however, no one took her up on the offer.

The RRW activities were held at RMS from Monday thru Thurs. There was a door decorating and judging with the theme "Believe, Achieve, Succeed Drug Free". The SADD club did the initial judging. So far 6 students are participating in the SADD club. The RMS students will be collecting items at various times throughout the year for the Seeing Eye, Randolph Food Pantry, Randolph Pound, and they are adopting a school in Nepal. Maryalice suggested a way to provide ATOD awareness & prevention information to the Homework Clubs as required by the GCADA. She will contact Steve Cullis at RMS and give him info. where to get a specific topic for each week. She suggested that the teachers write a sentence about a particular topic (specified each week by Steve Cullis) and spend the first few minutes of HW club discussing it before beginning their homework. The committee felt this was a great idea to fulfill the requirement.

The RHS SADD Club had its first meeting today at lunch(10/27); approximately 20 kids attended. They plan to use Facebook to get information out to the student body. They will be distributing lanyards and 911

information cards at the conclusion of the Drivers Ed classes for sophomores. The Great American Smokeout is Nov. 18th. The SADD club members will be giving out lollipops. Matt Bellace is returning to RHS to discuss dealing with peer pressure. He will give a teacher training in the morning and speak with a select group of students in the afternoon. This is a follow up to his presentation last spring.

Community RAP: Janet reported that Bill Lamia told her there was a Y night for the kids on Oct. 23rd. Will stopped into RAP & said the 1st session had about 6 kids and the 2nd session had about 15.

Police Programs: Nothing to Report.

Newspaper & Media: There was good coverage of the Parent Power Forum in the Randolph Reporter two different weeks, but nothing in the Daily Record despite sending multiple announcements/articles. Nancie will be sending info. on the Great American Smokeout to the Randolph Reporter.

Subcommittees & Focus Group Reports:

Parent Power Forum: The Kiwanis Club donated \$300 to the MAC to cover the cost of purchasing 30 of Dari Dyrness-Olsen's books. There was more advertising done this year, yet still the turnout was low, at only about 20 people. The Recreation Dept. said they'd send out the information, but no one reported seeing it. The principals in the schools sent the information out to parents. There was discussion about partnering with other groups in the future, either those in or outside of the schools in order to reach a larger population. Suggested groups were the Randolph Athletic Council (RAC), the National Honor Society, or Interact.

Open House: Liz postponed the Open House until spring, probably March, since she hadn't been able to arrange the details with Garry Moore for the Oct. 27th date.

Back to School Nights: Had MAC presence at evenings for all RMS and RHS dates. No one volunteered for the elementary schools.

Parents Who Host Lose the Most: Mama Catarina's still has poster in window & they are happy to display it.

SAFE Homes: See Old Business for committee vote. Nancie felt that membership was low for 5th grade parents because the form didn't go home in the initial packet that the elementary schools sent home in Sept.

Fundraising: Maryalice updated the letter that was previously sent. Janet reported that Pavia said there is no easy way to get mailing addresses from website, but it can be done. She also can't confirm accuracy of addresses. Mike Obremski will check on the mailing addresses and get an accurate list. Nancie will send Mike the excel file that was previously used. The mailing is planned for approximately February.

Great American Smokeout: Nov. 18th. Maryalice suggested putting literature at local stores that sell cigarettes. Nancie, Will, Maryalice, Michelle, and Liz agreed to each distribute literature to 2 stores.

Upcoming MAC Meetings:

December 1, 2010 1:00 pm* (change voted by committee)—General Meeting, Municipal Build. Conf. Room

January 26, 2011 1:00 pm—General Meeting, Municipal Build. Conf. Room

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Pollio, Secretary