

**OAKLAND MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE
MEETING MINUTES
1/4/10
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Members in Attendance

J. Tauber, Chair <u> X </u>	C. Visconti, Council <u> </u>	G. Clark, TOPS <u> </u>
P Gannon, Heights PTO <u> X </u>	T. Kersting, IHHS <u> </u>	J. Collins, IHHS <u> X </u>
N. Busker, Ponds <u> </u>	P. Schad, public <u> </u>	J Smith, Manito PTO <u> X </u>
E. Kasper, OPD <u> </u>	J. Nies, Rec Sec <u> X </u>	Dogwood PTO <u> </u>
M. Piercy, OPD <u> X </u>	J. Megin, VMS <u> </u>	S. Wagoner, Rec <u> </u>
VMS Guid/Coun <u> </u>	L. Knox, IHHS PTO <u> X </u>	A. Sorce, Com Pstr, Ponds <u> </u>

Also in attendance were: Sue Leegwater, VMS, Kathy Scarpelli, Wyckoff MA, and Janis Ing Strauss, Franklin Lakes MA.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jack Tauber at 12:10 PM.

Approval of Minutes: 12/7/09

Judy Nies read the minutes, Lorraine Knox moved to approve, Trish Gannon seconded the motion, and it carried.

The new banner was ordered

The OMA banner was ordered at a cost of \$170.

Review 2009 final expenditure report

Jack Tauber reported that through 4th quarter, OMA spent \$10,967.50, leaving \$40.50 unspent. In kind costs were \$8,625. Last year's chairman had put in over \$18,000 in the budget, but this amount reported is more in line with what is usual. The cash match in 2009 was \$3,628.81.

Jack reiterated that all program managers must provide all of this in kind and cash match information after each sponsored program. The county requires the information and that is why it is important to fill in all the forms and reports completely.

Jack also reported that each organization requesting funding from OMA must reveal all other sources and amounts of funding other than that which is being requested from OMA.

2010 Requests for funding

Jack reported that there have been only two requests for funding for 2010:

8th Grade Dance

D.A.R.E.

Lorraine Knox asked if there has been a request for funding from Project Graduation. Nothing has been submitted to Jack Tauber to date.

Jack needs to know as soon as possible what the requests are for 2010. For planning purposes, he has made assumptions similar to program amounts used for last year, but he knows he will have to make adjustments.

Action required: If you or your organization wishes to have OMA sponsor a program in 2010, please get the request to Jack Tauber as soon as possible as the 2010 budget is expected to be smaller than the 2009 budget and maybe not all requests will be able to be honored.

Open Comments and Suggestions

Mark Piercy said he would try to get possible dates for the Rachel's Challenge program proposed to be held at the high schools and possible middle schools this spring. He hopes to have this information for the February OMA meeting.

Jack asked that Tom Kersting please contact him as soon as possible to provide needed information including follow up information on the December 16 and 17 Steve Benvenisti assemblies at the high schools.

Lorraine Knox commented on the content of the above program for juniors and seniors and said that the students provided unsolicited feedback that the program strongly affected them. She feels that they should ask the speaker back to speak to the sophomores and possibly freshmen as well.

Mark Piercy reported that in 2009, there were fourteen juveniles charged with drug possession and 9 juveniles charged with alcohol possession in Oakland.

After much discussion on the subject, Kathy Scarpelli stated that it is time to address the issue of prescription drug abuse among teens. Mark Piercy said he would look into programs that might be available.

Next meeting date: Monday, February 1, 2010, noon, RIH Conference Room

Adjournment:

With no other business to discuss, Jack Tauber closed the meeting at 1:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted: 1/4/10

Judy Nies

Recording Secretary