

**OAKLAND MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE
MEETING MINUTES
12/7/09
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Members in Attendance

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

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jack Tauber at 12:07 PM. with a quorum of members in attendance.

Approval of Minutes: 10/5/09

Judy Nies read the minutes, Tom Kersting made 2 corrections and Lorraine Knox moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Joe Collins seconded the motion and it carried.

Review Progress on Heroes and Cool Kids

Tom Kersting reported that there was a mentor training on November 16 and that he was very impressed with the Heroes organization and the training process. The first outreach was on November 30. All of the Valley Middle School mentors were from Indian Hills, half of the FAMS mentors were from Indian Hills and half were from Ramapo, and all of the Eisenhower mentors were from Ramapo. The day went as planned and all seems to go well; there were no complaints.

Jack said that he would need a lot of details to complete the post-event(s) paperwork as to number of people involved and hours worked, etc... Glenn Clark said he would help Tom with those details.

There was a suggestion that one boy and one girl mentor attend each of the three municipal alliance meetings to report in detail how the program was being run and their impressions.

Tom said he would arrange that. In addition, Arlene Sorce said she would talk with some of the sixth graders to get their feedback on the program as members of the audience.

Expenditures

2nd Quarter

As of the end of first quarter, OMA had spent \$6,629 on the following programs:

TNT Dance
Senior Program
Elementary School Awareness Program
Project Graduation
D.A.R.E
8th Grade Dance

3rd Quarter

As of third quarter, the annual expenditure was \$10,667, adding the following programs:

Senior Defining Moments
Heroes and Cool Kids
Nation of Wimps (Parent Program, Family Prevention)

4th Quarter

Jack is going to purchase replacement banners for OMA for \$60

Remaining to be spent

\$300+

Kathy Scarpelli mentioned that there may be some additional expenses for the program that is going to be held next week in the high schools. She may request some additional funds (\$500 expenditure was approved during the November meeting).

2010 Requests

There has been a request from Valley Middle School for the 8th Grade Dance. Jack said he is waiting for more requests. Lorraine Knox said there will be a request for funding for Project Graduation forthcoming.

Jack brought up the Senior Program: Defining Moments and asked if Franklin Lakes and Wyckoff Municipal Alliances wanted to go together to provide a program for the seniors in the three towns. A discussion followed about what the seniors wanted in a program and how to get them to come to a sponsored program. Jack said that the Defining Moment would contact the FLOW area communities regarding the estimated costs of making a presentation to about 150 – 200 attendees. Janis Ing Strauss of Franklin Lakes said she may ask the seniors what kind of program they would want. The three towns will talk more.

Open Comments and Suggestions

Chief Kasper handed out a brochure on Rachel's Challenge, a program that resulted from the Columbine event with the message of tolerance: treat everyone the same even though we are all different. Chief Kasper is recommending the three town municipal alliances sponsor a 2-day, 2 assemblies per day and an adult night program that would target 8th through high school during the day and their parents from the three towns on the first night. The cost would be approximately \$7400 total, or about \$2500 per town.

Kathy Scarpelli said that maybe some fundraising could be done; that the different organizations in the three towns could be approached to help sponsor this program.

Chief Kasper said he thought Rachel's Challenge was coming back to New Jersey in spring, 2010. Chief Kasper said he would contact the organization to see if they had specific dates yet and to see if the 3 towns and the high school district academic calendars would work within the possible dates. The January meeting will follow up on this.

Arlene Sorce asked what progress had been made to collect statistics on alcohol and drug related incidents in Oakland. Mark Piercy said he was still working on this.

Jack mentioned that the Center for Alcohol and Drug Resources in Bergen County is having a program on December 17 from 9 to 10:30 AM. They are looking for members. If you would like to attend, call 201-488-8680.

**Next meeting date: Monday, January 4, 2010, noon, RIH Conference Room
Adjournment:**

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

Respectfully submitted: 12/7/09
Judy Nies
Recording Secretary