

**OAKLAND MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE
MEETING MINUTES
9/14/09
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Members in Attendance

J. Tauber, Chair <u> X </u>	C. Visconti, Council <u> </u>	G. Clark, TOPS <u> X </u>
Heights PTO <u> </u>	T. Kersting, IHHS <u> X </u>	J. Collins, IHHS <u> X </u>
N. Busker, Ponds <u> X </u>	P. Schad, public <u> X </u>	J. Smith, Manito PTO <u> </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> X </u>	S Wagoner, Rec <u> </u>
VMS Guid/Coun <u> </u>	L. Knox, IHHS PTO <u> X </u>	

Please note that there were no representatives from Dogwood, Manito or Heights PTO. Please let Jack Tauber or Judy Nies know if there is not going to be a representative from your organization.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jack Tauber at 12:14 PM. with a quorum of members in attendance. Also in attendance were: Kathy Scarpelli, Wyckoff MA, Janis Ing Strauss, F L MA, Arlene Sorce, Ponds Youth Center.

Acceptance of last meeting's minutes:

Judy Nies read the minutes from the 7/07/09 meeting. Joe Collins moved to approve the minutes as read. Lorraine Knox seconded and the motion carried.

Activity over the summer

After reading the minutes of the July meeting, Judy Nies read the notes from a meeting held on August 3 when Jack Tauber, Janis Ing Strauss and Judy Nies met to discuss what needed to be done in connection with the planned Heroes and Cool Kids program. After the August 3 meeting, Jack Tauber gave the notes to Glenn Clark, the coordinator and liaison for the program. At the September 14th meeting, Glenn reported back on what had been done to date. Actions included: Vice Principals of the three middle schools have been contacted, SAC Counselors at the two high schools have been contacted, Heroes and Cool Kids program is on the agenda for the next FLOW meeting, the training dates are being set up, the SAC Counselors will be identifying the mentor student candidates, the high schools will be setting up the training, arranging transportation and arranging dates for the programs at the three middle schools.

After discussion, Glenn agreed to submit the paperwork for the request for funding in the amount of \$1500 from Franklin Lakes and Wyckoff Municipal Alliances. **Two days after the**

meeting was complete, Glenn called Jack to tell him that the amount per town would have to be \$2,000. The paperwork and requests will be amended to reflect this new cost.

What's missing for the second quarterly report

Jack said he had need for several pieces of information in order to complete this report. He still does not have a signed purchase order for the 8th Grade Dance, held in the spring. Judy Nies reported that she had asked Josephine Cappizzi to take copies of what was reported to have been turned in to Borough Hall back to Borough Hall and to find the person the original papers had been turned into and to get them to the correct person this time. Joan Megin said she would follow up to see that this was done. Jack also reported that these and other program forms have been inadequately filled out and there is vital information missing. It is very important that these forms be filled out completely or the County will not reimburse *Oakland* for programs that have already been completed and that the town has paid for. Jack reiterated that as much supporting documentation as possible be included with the forms including purchase orders, contracts, receipts, number of volunteers and hours used in the planning and execution of the programs, and number of people in attendance, and the results of the program.

There have been five encumbered programs to date:

- Project Graduation
- D.A.R.E. program
- T.N.T Senior Dance
- Senior Luncheon
- T.N.T. Leadership Program

And because the paperwork cannot be found, the 8th Grade Dance has not been encumbered.

Open for further discussion and program requests

Jack Tauber brought the attention of the group to two flyers he had:

1. Reflections (A community outreach theater program) where children teach children through improvisation skits. Ponds Church has used this program and recommended them for small group settings
2. Innovative Community Based Prevention Program that reduces risky behavior in 10 to 14 year olds.

If any group wants more information, Jack has these flyers with contact information. Jack reiterated that each organization needs to come up with their own programs; the Municipal Alliance's job is to make sure there is funding for needed programs.

Senior Defining Moments

Jack Tauber asked for support for a Senior Program he has planned for October 13th and 20th, 2009, Defining Moments Foundation will continue their Ambassador program that addresses Senior resiliency and touches on the dangers of using mixtures of drugs and alcohol to overcome depression caused by loneliness, illness and loss of family and friends. The presentation is to be held at the Oakland Senior Center. The capacity for the program is 25 people, to be held in the small room at the Center. The program will cost less than \$600, \$500 for the program content and less than \$100 for the accompanying lunch.

There was subsequent discussion from the Franklin Lakes and Wyckoff Municipal Alliance Chairmen who suggested that such a program be opened to seniors from the two neighboring towns. Jack said the space was too small to accommodate and had already been finalized. Nathan Busker of Ponds Church said that their facility could be made available for future programs in order to accommodate larger audiences and the two other towns said they would certainly pay for lunches for their seniors who attend. Jack said *her* would keep this in mind while planning future such programs. Nathan Busker moved to approve the \$600 for the program, Tom Kersting seconded, the members voted and passed.

Ponds Youth Center Request

Arlene Sorce submitted a request for \$537.99 for their after school program for Valley Middle School students for sports equipment. This program provides responsible adult-supervised activities to prevent risky behavior. Lorraine Knox moved to approve the amount for the request and Joan Megin seconded. The group voted and the measure passed. The check is to be made out to Ponds Youth Center.

Possible Future Programs

Kathy Scarpelli, Wyckoff Municipal Alliance reported on a planned program, author Nora Marano, editor of *Psychology Today* who wrote [A Nation of Wimps](#) has been contacted to speak to parents in the FLOW district about taking more responsibility and creating more realistic expectation for their children through high school and on to college. While they are still in negotiations, the program is planned for October 20th, possibly at Ramapo High School. She is asking for help funding the program from other Municipal Alliances and other Parent-Teach Organizations and community groups. Joan Megin asked if the program could be open to middle school parents. She will get a flyer distributed to Valley Middle School parents, when available.

Lorraine Knox inquired about Jesse's Journey, a program that had been given to the juniors and seniors at the high schools two years ago. This year's juniors have not been exposed to the very moving anti-drinking, anti-drugs program and would like to do it again. Janis Ing Strauss said she would check the availability of the program and report back.

Mark Piercy brought up a program that had been discussed in the spring in which a brother of a slain girl at Columbine High School in Colorado spoke to a group of D.A.R.E. leaders. It is his strong recommendation that this program be considered in the community in the future.

Next meeting date: Monday, October 5, 2009

Adjournment:

With no other business to discuss, Jack Tauber closed the meeting at 1:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted: 9/15/09
Judy Nies
Recording Secretary