

Metuchen Municipal Alliance Meeting – 4/12/12

Irene Morris-Nann - Chairperson

Brenda Lewis

Steve Kitsko

Mike Garni

Mark McCreary

Michael Scheller

Kathy Liss

Dorothy Rasmussen - Council Liaison

Dave Liantonio - Police Liaison

Marcus Hicks

Beatrice Moskowitz

Dan Delmonaco

Eileen Frowenfeld – BOE Liaison

Manny Pereira

Chris Kluchiz

Kris Dubon

- The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.
- Chris Kluchiz from First Step Counseling was introduced to the Alliance and will act as a health liaison along with Joe Conte.
- The March minutes were approved with one correction:
 - “The Alliance and the Friends of the Metuchen Library will cosponsor the event. Copies of "The Body of Christopher Creed" will be purchased by the Friends of the Metuchen Public Library and the Metuchen Municipal Alliance and donated to the MHS English Department. Two classes will read the book as part of the curriculum and attend the author visit.”
- Police Liaison Report
 - The Metuchen Police Department and NCADD will hold a prescription medication take back day so the community can dispose of medication properly.
- BOE Liaison Report
 - The budget vote and BOE elections will be taking place on April 17.
 - This meeting was Eileen Frowenfeld’s last meeting as BOE President and Liaison to the Municipal Alliance.
- Fundraising Report
 - Santori Academy has donated \$1000 to the Alliance and St. Joseph’s of Metuchen has donated \$250.
- Council Liaison Report
 - Councilwoman Rasmussen will continue to try to get permission for the Alliance to use the parking lot next to the Friendly’s lot for the National Night Out.

- Flyers were distributed on Main Street and in the elementary and preschools for the Magic Show, which will be taking place on April 20.
- Kathy Liss reminded members that young adult author Carol Plum-Ucci will be visiting the Metuchen Library on Sunday, April 29. Information about the event will be put in the Sentinel.
- Chairperson Morris-Nann reported that a representative from the Hunterdon Coalition will be at the May Municipal Alliance meeting to answer questions about the Safe Homes program that many member had at the March meeting.
- Alcohol Awareness Town Talk – Tuesday, April 17
 - The event will focus on underage alcohol and drug use.
 - Doors will open at 7:00pm and the event will take place from approximately 7:30-9:00 in the MHS cafeteria.
 - Speakers and the panel will talk to the community for about 50 minutes. Winners of the essay contest will be announced and the winning essays will be read. The rest of the event will be devoted to the panel answering questions from the community.
 - Beatrice Moskowitz will serve as the moderator.
 - Chairperson Morris-Nann will introduce the panel and speakers and present information about the topic.
 - Members present wrote down questions to be asked during the Town Talk.
 - Questions can be written down and asked before and during the event.
 - A survey will be filled out after the event by those who attend.
- New Business
 - The prom signs from the past three years will be used for this year's "Celebrate Sober" campaign.
 - A new volunteer is needed to take over the printing and organization of the agenda book.
 - National Night Out will be held at the Friendly's lot and Friendly's will act as a co-sponsor of the event. Bill Nann will allow the Alliance to use his adjacent parking lot.