

## Metuchen Municipal Alliance Meeting – May 10, 2012

Irene Morris-Nann - Chairperson

Brenda Lewis

Mike Garni

Mark McCreary

Michael Scheller

Kathy Liss

Dorothy Rasmussen - Council Liaison

Dave Liantonio - Police Liaison

Beatrice Moskowitz

Dan Delmonaco

Kris Dubon

Judy Cheung

Kieran Esposito

Danielle McMahon

- The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.
- The minutes were approved with two corrections:
  - The representative from First Step Counseling is named “Chris Cluckas”
  - The prescription take back was held by the Metuchen Police Department and NCADD “Middlesex Coalition”
- The magic show made about \$700 for the Alliance.
- Mark McCreary announced that the YMCA has a new President and CEO.
- Kathy Liss reported that the Carol Plum-Ucci author visit at the Metuchen Public Library on April 29 was a success. 38 teens and 13 adults were present. The author talked about the issues that appeared in her books and was very relatable.
- Kathy also reported that the Youth Alliance is working on holding a concert fundraiser. One idea that has been proposed is to work with a "mentor" that will guide the youth alliance in planning the event. This person will receive a portion of the profits in exchange for organizing a venue, booking musical acts, and advertising. Due to time constraints, the event may be moved from the end of June to Labor Day weekend.
- Kris Dubon proposed her idea of holding a flea market or garage sale as a fundraiser to replace the town wide garage sale, which has been cancelled. The event could be held at the Pearl Street lot and vendors would pay \$10 to have a table.
- Chairperson Morris-Nann reported that a representative from the Hunterdon Coalition will be at the June meeting to discuss the Safe Homes program. Members present wrote down questions for the representative that she will answer at the next meeting.
- Mike Scheller reported on the Town Talks event. The Alliance is planning to hold future events that are similar to the one held in April. Members of the Alliance that

attended the Town Talk provided their feedback. Members suggested having the event in the auditorium instead of the cafeteria. They also hope to have more conversation and questions from the audience at future events. Mike and Mark attended the Borough Council meeting and other meetings to talk about the event and receive feedback. They have been encouraged to hold similar events in the future. Info about the event also appeared on NJ 101.5 and local newspapers.

- Dorothy Rasmussen reported that Nicole K. has been added to the Alliance. She is graduating from MHS this year.
  - Danielle McMahon reviewed the finances and funds of the Alliance.
  - The celebrate sober signs will be put throughout town and will be displayed from prom through graduation. All members present wrote their addresses on the list of homes that will be receiving signs.
  - The unity in the community event held last year will be held every other year.
  - A new BOE liaison should be appointed by the June meeting.
  - National Night Out is scheduled for August 14. Nancy Goldberg, Irene Morris-Nann, and Dave Liantonio are planning and organizing the event.
  - The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.
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