

**Metuchen Municipal Alliance
Minutes of February 11, 2016**

Attendance: Beatrice, Jodi, Jackie, Kathy, Lisa, Carol, Kevin, Shivangi, and Angela

The meeting began at 7:13 pm. Last month's minutes were read and approved.

A- New Committee Members -

1-Carol Pepe has agreed to be a new member. She is the Director of Social Workers for Trinitas Hospital and a Deacon at her church in Metuchen.

2-Lisa will reach out to a family who knows the local social worker, Danielle Paterson, to see if she is interested in joining.

3- There are two open spots and three student spots will open in September 2016 as all three MHS students are graduating.

The Committee is looking for people who support our mission, who will attend monthly meetings and who are willing to help out at some of our fundraisers and community events.

B. Sakula Fundraiser on Sunday January 31, 2016

1-The event raised \$415.00. Sakula donated \$150 of the money raised. The committee decided to make them an official sponsor and place their ad in the agenda for next year.

C. Magic Show April 15, 2016 @7:00 p.m. @ Campbell School

1- Jodi will help prior, but cannot attend the event.

2-Committee members should let us know at our March meeting if they are planning to attend and help out.

3- Flyers will go out in March before the break

4- 4 pack of tickets to Jenkinson's Aquarium that were donated by Jenkinson's will be given away as door prize.

D. Strengthening Families- Family Night Out

1-Press Release in Sentinel, Crit and Metuchen Matters with start date of February 23, 2016.

2-NCADD said has families confirmed as registered. We are hoping to have at least 12 families this year.

3-Jackie said that Dr. Caputo really likes this program

4- Budgeted \$10,000 of our Grant money for the Strengthening Families Program, so we really need to have more families. Jodi and Kathy are waiting to hear back from Judy Cheung to find out how many families she has reached out to.

E. Info from the State/County –

1- Roulla will come in 2/26/16 for bi-annual monitoring. By-laws look good with a minor adjustment that Kathy will make.

2- Kathy suggested that the bylaws state that all officers should only hold their posts for two years. Voted in every year, but can only hold the same position for two consecutive years. The Committee agreed and some members stated they belong to other local clubs with the same stipulation.

F. Treasurers Report - Danielle was absent. Beatrice will reach out to her to inquire about a report for our next meeting. Danielle sent an email stating there is no change. Kathy will ask Allison Inserro to contact Danielle and find out about her availability.

G. OutReach

1- Edgar Family Night – see above

2- Senior Center – Cathy Ostmueller, Director of Senior Center will come to our March meeting.

H. Youth Alliance

1-Kathy met with Kathy Glutz about the current HS students coming to speak in Homeroom.

Kathy Glutz said “not a good time but would find a different time for them”. The girls will email Kathy Glutz.

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1. Kevin – Operation Take Back will be April 30, 2016, @10-12

The meeting ended at 8:26 pm.

Submitted by Lisa Freed