

**Minutes of the Cranbury Township  
Municipal Alliance Committee on Drug Abuse and Alcoholism  
Cranbury, New Jersey  
Middlesex County**

April 10, 2008

**TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING**

The scheduled meeting of the Cranbury Township Municipal Alliance Committee was held on April 10, 2008, in the Library meeting room, 23 North Main Street, in Cranbury Township at 8:15 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Jane Holland called the session to order and acted as Chairperson thereof, and Kristen H. Hamilton acted as Secretary of the meeting.

**STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE**

Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, adequate notice in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6) was provided on January 7, 2008, of this meeting's date, time and place and the agenda was posted on the Township bulletin board, mailed to those requesting personal notice, and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Jane Holland, Captain Kahler, John Haney, Joann Charwin, Mia Lindberg, Melanie Johnson, Beverly Gerberich and Colleen Marsh attended the meeting.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Meghan Pawlak and Molly Mucciarone.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the March 13, 2008, meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Beverly Gerberich; seconded by Mia Lindberg. All in favor.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

The representatives advised they would like to have nachos and chips at the Drug Free Fair as well as healthy snacks. Contests requested were hula-hoop and jump rope. Jane asked the representatives to make flyers specific to the Teen Tent and to work at the Teen Tent the day of the Drug Free Fair.

The representatives advised that a vote was taken to see if the students would prefer to exchange a fall dance for another JamFest. It was decided that one JamFest was enough and the dance is an 8<sup>th</sup> grade fundraiser that they don't want to lose.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Jane advised that Tucker Anderson has been retained to DJ at the April 18, 2008, dance and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation dance.

The DVD on underage drinking will be shown at the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and 7<sup>th</sup> grade parent meetings.

**POLICE REPORT**

Captain Kahler reported that there has been a rise in drunk driving arrests and people trying to elude the police. None of them have involved local people. There has

been an increase in juvenile incidences – four this month, but none of them are drug or alcohol related.

John Haney commended the Police Department on how they handle incidences involving the school.

The DARE Program did not happen this spring due to funding and scheduling issues. Both the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades will have the program next year.

## OLD BUSINESS

Drug Free Fair – Beverly advised that there will be a climbing wall and a basketball shoot-off at the Drug Free Fair. Beverly asked the student representatives if they knew of any bands that may be interested in performing at the Drug Free Fair. Mr. Cox is scheduled to sing.

Beverly provided a copy of the winning design of the Drug Free Fair t-shirt. Jane asked the Alliance if an extra \$300.00 should be spent to allow two colors to be printed on the shirt rather than one. The Alliance determined that, due to the design of the shirt, two colors would be preferred. Beverly was reminded that the GCADA logo must be put on the shirts since the County Grant helps pay for them. Kristen will forward a copy of the logo to Beverly.

Bags for parents are being ordered, which will contain information on alcohol poisoning, the Municipal Alliance brochure, a bag clip and pencil.

Kristen will send an email requesting volunteers to man the Teen Tent and Parent Tent. Melanie and Kristen volunteered to help with set-up.

Joann advised that her daughter may be interested in doing henna tattoos in the Teen Tent.

Middle School Award – Joann will prepare a questionnaire for students by the next meeting. She will narrow down the applicants and the Municipal Alliance will then choose one girl winner and one boy winner. Criteria on the questionnaire should include if they have been involved with the Drug Free Fair, if they have participated in any activities run by the Municipal Alliance and if they have entered the t-shirt contest, as well as their outside volunteer activities and how they can be a role model to others. There will be an open-ended question on why they deserve the award. Each winner will receive \$50.00.

## NEW BUSINESS

Parent's Meeting on Computer Safety/Underage Drinking – The PTO will be sponsoring a program in the near future; therefore, there is no need for the Municipal Alliance to have a similar program.

Teen Programs – The Municipal Alliance will again be co-sponsoring the Battle of the Bands with the Recreation Department in June.

## DISCUSSION

There is an underage drinking panel discussion scheduled for April 29, 2008, at the Crossroads Theatre in New Brunswick sponsored by NCAAD.

There is a Corner House sponsored program called "Dirt" on substance abuse and choices being held on April 23, 2008, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., at the Princeton High School Auditorium. Joann will send information to be put on the PTO email.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There being no further business, on motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting was thereupon adjourned.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, undersigned, do hereby certify:

That I am the duly appointed secretary of the Cranbury Township Municipal Alliance Committee on Drug Abuse and Alcoholism; and

That the foregoing minutes of the Municipal Alliance Committee on Drug Abuse and Alcoholism, held on April 10, 2008, consisting of three (3) pages, constitute a true and accurate copy of the minutes of the said meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name of said Committee this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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Kristen H. Hamilton Secretary