

MINUTES OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE ON
DRUG ABUSE AND ALCOHOLISM
October 6, 2011

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

The scheduled meeting of the Cranbury Township Municipal Alliance Committee was held on October 6, 2011, in the Library meeting room, 23 North Main Street, in Cranbury Township at 8:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was not present at the meeting, Chairperson Jane Holland called the session to order and Kathleen Argiriou 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 December 2, 2010, 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

Kathleen Argiriou, Daniel Black, Cyndy Coppotelli, Jane Holland, Melanie Johnson, Ricky Varga.

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Dan Mulligan, Susan Genco.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE IN ATTENDANCE

Kevin Coyle and Mia Sarafin.

MINUTES

The minutes of the June 8, 2011 and September 8, 2011 meetings were not approved because there was not a quorum.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

No report this was their first meeting. Jane Holland introduced the students and discussed the expectations and responsibilities of the student representatives.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Varga reported that there was not a lot of activity to report on. He discussed that the officers who attended the Middle School Picnic enjoyed attending and thought the students asked good questions. They felt the students were open to the information the officers were giving them. The student representatives agreed and said that they learned something from the officers at the picnic.

BUDGET

Our grant money will be used this fall paying for a 5th-8th grade assembly at Cranbury School, 4th & 5th grade Bingo Night, and Red Ribbon Week.

We submitted our 2012 budget request to Denise Marabello. We cut \$5,133.30 or 14% from last years budget. Dan Mulligan commended this and stated he would support this budget with the township committee members.

Chief Varga will help us with obtaining statistics to include in our grant application.

OLD BUSINESS

Student Representatives - Kevin Coyle and Mia Sarafin were elected as our student representatives for the year.

Middle School Picnic - There was an excellent turn out and it was very beneficial to have the police speak with the students.

Drug Free Fair - We should prepare letters to ask businesses in town to contribute. Kathleen will check with the Township for any new businesses in town. The township is able to send an e-mail blast requesting volunteers for the Drug Free Fair. Kathleen will forward a draft to Denise Marabello. Cyndy Coppotelli suggested looking for co-chairs, people may be more willing to do it with someone else.

NEW BUSINESS

4th and 5th Grade Bingo Night - We purchased two bingo games with drugs and alcohol subject matter. We will serve snacks (chips, pretzels) and offer candy to the winners.

Red Ribbon Week - We will keep the same as last year. We will give out tattoos during the Buddy Classes on Thursday. Students will make chains with drug free sayings to hang in school. We are ordering two banners for the school to hang during that week. Melanie Johnson will help that week and we will request the room parents from K-5th grade to come in also.

2012 - We will continue to meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month in 2012. Kathleen will send a list of our meeting dates to Kathy Cunningham.

Terms expiring in 2012 - Daniel Black, Cyndy Coppotelli, Jane Holland's terms are expiring at the end of December. They will stay on the committee. Renee Welch and Fay Kobland's terms are also expiring. Kathleen will follow up with them to see if they will be staying. Dr. Genco will complete Mr. Haney's term.

DISCUSSION

Dr. Genco suggested Princeton High School ("PHS") students mingle with the 8th grade students at an event to speak to them about the reality of PHS. This could happen at the Spring Middle School picnic. Daniel suggested to focus on the 8th grade students and that scare tactics work best to deter students from making poor decisions.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was thereupon adjourned at 9:00am.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, the 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 this document, consisting of 2 pages, constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting held on October 6, 2011.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this ____ day of October, 2011.

Kathleen Argiriou, Secretary