

Take Back The Night Meeting
April 6, 2009 Minutes

Present: Beth Ann May, Jodi Wartenberg, Glen Marcum, Sue Bloch, Joy Alwan, Mardi Wunderlich, Carrie Jo Claussen, Yolanda Reyes.

President, Jodi Wartenberg, called the meeting to order.

Minutes: Beth May motioned, seconded by Sue Bloch to approve last month's minutes. Motion carried.

Site: Glen Marcum reported that Bicentennial Park has been reserved for our October 8th event.

Speaker: Speakers Jamie Daughtery and Art Moore from the Illinois Violence Prevention Program will be speaking on the topic of men standing up against violence.

Website: Several updates have been made to the website, and it is anticipated there will soon be links to TBTN member agencies.

Memorial: No report

Display Tables: No report

Event Drive: No report

Fundraising: Jodi and Yolanda have sent sample fundraising letters to Lockport and Plainfield Chambers of Commerce, along with a request that they assist us with fundraising in a similar manner to the Joliet Area Chamber. Yolanda will obtain a list of other area Chambers and ask them for their help.

Survivor Stories: No report

Public Relations: Beth Ann announced that April 13th is the date of the next planned press release. It will be a "Save the Date" announcement. Carrie Jo and/or Jodi will be providing Beth Ann with last year's flyer as a frame of reference.

Beth Ann asked members to let her know of marquee locations where we might announce the October march and vigil.

A letter to the Editor of the Herald News is being prepared to declare our support for the full-funding of the Violence Against Women Act. It may be necessary for us to take turns signing letters to the Editor since there may be a cap on individual submissions. Carrie Jo has indicated her willingness to sign the VAWA letter.

Sign-Making: The Junior Women's Club may be relied upon again this year.

Program Booklet: Sue Bloch and Lora McGuire stand ready.

Tax Status: Joy Alwan reported that the Federal 990 and Attorney General 990 reports will be filed tomorrow. She will be working on our Sales Tax Exemption renewal soon. Around June or July of this year, Joy will submit our annual report to the Secretary of State.

Thank-yous: We are in the process of ordering thank-you cards for future donor recognition.

Mardi reported that Bridges to a New Day sent a letter thanking TBTN for the proceeds donated after last year's fundraiser.

Merchandise: No report

Seminars: Jodi attended the 12th Annual Empowerment Conference on Gender and Violence at Joliet Junior College. Jodi said the conference was excellent and confirmed our position that men must take an active role in addressing domestic violence.

Court Watch: Members concur that it is vitally important to domestic violence victims that we establish a Court Watch Program. Dawn Dalton, the former Director of the Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network has offered to help us get started. Step One--developing a list of organizations whose members might be interested in volunteering for this effort.

Announcements: Carrie Jo reported that Groundwork has received a \$50,000.00 installment to fund transitional housing. They anticipate having apartments available for this program soon.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 5th at 5:30 P.M., Joliet Township Offices

Meeting adjourned on the motions of Glen Marcum and Carrie Jo Claussen.