

Take Back The Night Meeting
August 4, 2009 Minutes

Present: Jodi Wartenberg, Joy Alwan, April Balzhiser, Sandy Costa, Scott Marshall, Karen Ward, Denise Payton, Glen Marcum, Sue Bloch, Yolanda Reyes, Cherry Powell, Connie Head, Laurie Knick, Lora McGuire and Beth May.

President, Jodi Wartenberg, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes: Denise Payton motioned, seconded by Joy Alwan to approve last month's minutes. Motion carried.

Jodi distributed StandUp Program brochures; fliers and posters of TBTN's event were available for pickup. Jodi wanted to know if anyone had further advice on how to promote event to Dale Evans of the Hook Up of Black Men other than emailing a brief letter and attaching event flier asking him to forward to his contacts. Committee felt sending the flier was enough.

Jodi also brought to the committee's attention that she had been contacted by Amy Davis, a filmmaker, who would like to film survivors dancing at the event. Then, the dancing would run during the credits of her film, on violence against women.. It was decided by the committee that an announcement would be made before the event and if survivors wanted to participate then a release would need to be signed by that individual at the filmmaker's resource table. The "dance" would take place after the march.

It is time to take a group photo and April Balzhiser will bring her camera to the next meeting. Please wear a TBTN t-shirt; sweatshirt, hat, etc.

Jodi wanted any suggestions regarding entertainment as we have had it in the past. Sandi Costa has agreed to contact David Jones who is at Joliet Central High School and with Sacred Heart Choir to see if the choir would be interested in performing at the event. Scott Marshall has agreed to play appropriate CD's at the event.

Merchandise: Cherry Powell presented what the merchandise committee is recommending. Members decided to order from Jim Boucher of Printing Press 50 khaki and blue T-shirts or whatever is their minimum; order 24 water bottles to be sold at \$8. Jim is dropping the set up fee and would like to put on t-shirt on the back "Printing Press supports Take Back the Night." Member agreed to allow him to print that on t-shirts.

Survivor Stories: Cherry Powell reported she has 3 stories. Two short stories will be in the booklet and a paragraph will be in the booklet to go the website for further stories.

Treasurer' Report: Joy Alwan submitted a report of a balance of \$4777.32. Jodi reported that Dr. Moauro and the Laborer's Union Local 74 each gave \$100 each; she has a \$500 commitment from Family Bible Church.

Site: Glen Marcum reported that Bicentennial Park charges \$50. The committee stated they will pay the fee. Weather permitting all tables will be outside. If not, tables will be inside the Park's lobby.

Website: Lisa Las is doing a great job on the website – be sure to check it out.

Memorial: Sandy Costa is requesting that shoes be brought to the next meeting and/or dropped off at Sandy's house. New this year, victims' names will be put in the booklet. A list of victims will be obtained from the coroner's office and given to Sandy. A press release will be sent requesting that any family member wishing to participate in the memorial should contact Sandy Costa. Beth May who is PR will be contacted regarding sending out this press release ASAP. Scott Marshall said that he would try to recruit University of St. Francis Spirit Line (cheerleaders) to serve as chant leaders on the march.

Display Tables: Denise Payton needs an idea of how many tables and she is requesting that a "body" from an agency be at the table if possible.

Event Drive: Laurie Knick went on the Lamb's Fold website and looked at their needs. A press release will be sent out so anyone attending the event can bring the following: 39 gallon garbage bags; wash cloths; kitchen towels; dish cloths; dryer sheets; 8 oz plastic baby bottles. Jodi will contact the athletic directors at the high schools to see if their athletes will do a collection at their schools.

Fundraising: Lora McGuire and Yolanda Reyes will get a list of past donors and contact them to see if they are willing to donate again this year.

Speakers: Denise will need another driver to assist in taking the speakers around to the schools. Lincolnway Central and West will do either the 7th or 8th; Premier Academy will do the 8th; Joliet Central and West the 7th; we have not heard back from JCA or Providence.

Public Relations: Per Jodi, Beth Ann is reaching out to businesses with marquees.

Sign-Making: No report.

Program Booklet: Sue Bloch is waiting for agencies to submit any corrections. Circuit Clerk needs to be included this year and Jodi suggested that their write-up include why they're on this year's committee: one of their employees lost their daughter (Brittany Brooks) this past year to violence. They also should include information on their part in the OP process.

Thank-yous: No report

Adult Seminars: The Bicentennial Park will host on August 25 the seminar Cyber stalking – Commercial Exploitation. Bella Cucina will be selling box lunches.

Court Watch: We are in communications with JACOB?

Old Business: Lynette Shea a representative from the Clerk's office stated they will raise funds for TBTN by selling items. Buttons was suggested. Will need to check to see where those buttons are at.

Next Meeting: September 1, 5:30 P.M., Joliet Township Offices

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m on the motions of Sue Bloch and Yolanda Reyes.

Minutes submitted by acting secretary Yolanda Reyes