

Take Back The Night June 2, 2009 Meeting

Present: Beth Ann May, Mardi Wunderlich, Jodi Wartenberg, Marsha Lega, Cheri Johnson, Lora McGuire, Sue Bloch, Cherry Powell, Denise Payton, Joy Alwan, Connie Head, Karen Ward, Jean Mandeville, Maria Herrera, Carolyn Khan, Jill Lyon.

Treasurer's Report: Joy Alwan distributed the Treasurer's Report. We have a balance of \$4767.31. Joy has prepared and mailed the annual report to the Secretary of State.

Minutes: Motion by Beth May, seconded by Denise Payton to approved the minutes as corrected--adding the Council of Catholic Women to the list of groups who might distribute fliers (the last sentence under "fundraising"). Motion carried.

Court Watch: President, Jodi Wartenberg asked for members who would be interested in assisting Bettye Gavin with forming a Court Watch. Interested members to date are: Yolanda Reyes, Carrie Jo Claussen, Joy Alwan and Karen Ward.

Brittany Brooks Memorial: Sue Bloch and Beth May attended the memorial. Approximately 50 to 75 people were there. The family expressed thanks for the presence of TBTN members. Take Back the Night fliers were distributed.

Mardi Wunderlich will contact Pam McGuire to see whether any of her staff (Brittany's mother, for example, who is a Circuit Clerk employee), would care to serve on the Take Back The Night Committee. Mardi will also ask Pam whether the Circuit Clerk's Office would like to sponsor any of our TBTN programs.

July TBTN Committee Meeting Cancelled: There will be no meeting in July. Meetings will resume on Tuesday, August 4th at 5:30 p.m.

Speaker: Matt Rowe is Jodi's contact person for the Illinois Violence Prevention Program's "Stand Up" division. They are very excited that they are coming to *the* Will County (Peterson, Stebic, Vaughn). In addition to the event, they will be doing four, 35- minute school presentations on the day prior to our event, and another four on the day of our event. Denise will coordinate the logistics of getting them to their engagements.

Stand Up is requesting an honorarium.

Jodi will add the following sentence/paragraph to her announcement at the TBTN event: "For those of you who are currently experiencing domestic violence, please stop by our resource table."

Denise Payton will ask Starbucks if they would like to donate coffee/hot chocolate to our event. Lora McGuire will contact Bella Cucina about donating free cookies, as they have done previously.

Beth Ann announced that Zonta will be handing out free reusable grocery bags to participants bringing donated goods. TBTN and Zonta will be printed on the bag, along with appropriate DV resources.

Public Relations: Posters and fliers were brought to the meeting for distribution by members.

Beth Ann brought a copy of her May 31, 2009 Letter to the Editor thanking Debbie Halvorsen for supporting funding for the Violence Against Women Act and Family Violence Prevention and Service Act.

Beth needs members to advise her of marquee sites that can display event information.

We are looking for members to "window decorate" at local libraries, YMCA's, Jackhammer's, etc. Please meet up at the August 4th committee meeting to collect decorating materials.

Sign-making: Connie Head is the new Joliet Junior Women's representative now that Jill Lyon (also present), has her hands full as the new JJW President. There will be no interruption in the JJW Club's sign services at the TBTN March/Vigil.

Display Tables: In August, Denise will contact relevant agencies and ask them to send staff/volunteers to represent their agencies and distribute hand-outs at the March/Vigil.

Fundraising: The Chamber fundraising letter typically goes out in the month of June.

Survivor Stories: Cherry Powell indicated that this was coming along--slowly. The goal is to get 12 stories, 4 of which will be selected for the program. The rest can be accessed through our website.

Thank You cards: Not on order yet, although there is still plenty of time.

Merchandise: The committee consists of Marsha Lega, Jean Mandeville, Cherry Powell and Maria Herrera. Jodi directed this committee to decide what merchandise they will order and in what colors--not to exceed the budget allocated for this purpose last year.

Adult Seminar: Tuesday, August 25, 2009. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Bicentennial Park. Morning Speaker: Hal Guyer (Cyber-stalking); Afternoon Speaker: Rachel Duers (Sexual Exploitation). Free Seminar. Free CEU's for social workers. Lunch on your own.

Mardi will check whether Bicentennial staff have any objection to Bella Cucina offering box lunches for sale. If it is okay with them, Lora will contact Bella Cucina with the offer.

Miscellaneous: Lora suggested we create a TBTN committee brochure--about us!

Meeting Adjourned: On the motion of Denise Payton and Cherry Powell.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 4, 2009, 5:30 p.m. Joliet Township Offices

Minutes Prepared By: Mardi Wunderlich, Secretary