

TBTN Minutes
November 3, 2009 Meeting

Present: Jodi Wartenberg, Lora McGuire, Sister Albert Marie Papesh, Cherry Powell, Laurie Knick, Connie Head, Jean Mandeville, Carolyn Khan, Glen Marcum, Yolanda Reyes, Marsha Lega, Carrie Jo Klaussen, Scott Marshall, Mardi Wunderlich.

President, Jodi Wartenberg, asked members to see to it that our donors receive program booklets.

The committee list was passed around the group and attendees were asked to make sure their contact information was up-to-date.

Jean Mandeville reported that the Lamb's Fold Donations received from Take Back the Night were plentiful, and they received much needed items.

Members shared comments from the event which included: 1). The event was more professional; 2). It was somewhat crowded and hot inside the theatre; 3). Despite the close quarters, the event was better overall because the speakers could be heard. 4). Not many people saw the marchers.

Note to selves for next year: As soon as the memorial starts, the lights should be out. We should train the volunteers representing the deceased better so that they blow out their candles at the appropriate time. Also, the crowd should be informed when they are allowed to take their seats in the theatre.

Those present unanimously agreed to have the event at Bicentennial Park next year. The cost to hold the event there was \$180.00 to rent the theatre and tables.

Jodi reported that she did a taped interview with Rashada Duwan (spelling?). The interview covered such topics as child exploitation, prostitution, and advice to parents. It also includes the film clip, "The Making of a Girl." Skip Lanham taped the hour plus long tape, and it is anticipated that it will appear on Channel 6. The video starts out with "Take Back The Night Presents," and a view of the Clothesline Project.

Rashada Duwan did an extraordinary job talking at the schools. We were also very satisfied with our Take Back The Night speaker. A discussion ensued about the amount of the honorarium we should give to the Illinois Center for Violence Prevention. \$500.00 was the figure decided on by the membership.

Jodi recommends that we form a subcommittee to assess the schools to find out what kind of programs they would like us to bring them in the future.

The membership then talked about how this year's proceeds should be disbursed. This was made difficult because the Committee's Treasurer was not present to inform us of the state of our finances.

There was also vigorous discussion about which agencies represented the mission of Take Back the Night, and whether it was better to give more money to fewer agencies, and whether we had an obligation to fund agencies previously funded.

Mardi Wunderlich made a motion to give 50% of the total balance in our TBTN account after all our expenses (including the \$500.00 honorarium), have been paid. The motion provided that the money be distributed evenly (33.3% each), between 1). Groundwork/Sexual Assault Services Center; 2). Lamb's Fold; and 3). Bridges to a New Day.

Lora McGuire seconded the motion.

The motion carried, with 6 members voting in favor and 5 opposed.

Marsha Lega suggested that clarifying TBTN's mission would make it easier for us to disseminate our proceeds. It was suggested that our mission statement be included in our Program Book.

Several people requested that they be provided with a copy of TBTN's Bylaws.

Next years committee assignments were established:

2010 CoChairs: Connie Head and Carrie Jo Klaussen

Memorial: Sister Papesh and Carolyn Khan

Fundraising: Jodi Wartenberg and Beth Ann May

Survivor Stories: Cherry Powell
Site Manager: Glen Marcum
School Contacts: Laurie Knick and Sue Bloch
Thank Yous: Jean Mandeville
Merchandise: Marsha Lega, Cherry Powell, Maria Herrera
Speaker Committee: Lora McGuire

Some committee assignments are as yet unfilled.

Jodi read a letter she received from Supreme Court Justice Thomas Kilbride commending us on our Take Back the Night event.

Jodi informed us we received a nice thank you letter from Lamb's Fold.

Marsha will send the proceeds from merchandise sales to Joy via check.

Mardi Wunderlich moved to adjourn with a second from Yolanda. Meeting adjourned over the lone objection of Cherry Powell who was trying to be funny.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 1, 2009, 5:30 p.m., Joliet Township Offices.

Minutes Prepared By: Mardi Wunderlich
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