

Take Back the Night Meeting Minutes from 09/01/09

Present: Mardi Wunderlich, Jodi Wartenberg, Joy Alwan, Denise Payton, Joanna Randazzo, Julie Oetter, Sandy Costa, April Balzhiser, Shirley Reilly, Karen Ward, Glen Marcum, Yolanda Reyes, Maria Herrera, Cheri Johnson, Connie Head, Sister Albert Marie Papesch, Carolyn Khan, Lynette Shea, Lora McGuire, Cherry Powell, Sue Bloch, Marsha Lega, Beth Ann May.

Chairman, Jodi Wartenberg called the meeting to order.

Treasurer's Report: We currently have an account balance of \$6657.51 after paying printing and postage expenses and receiving donations of \$2050.00. More donations were collected at the meeting which are not included in the above total.

We received an in-kind donation of 12 gold passes to a Paint Ball Park. A discussion ensued about the appropriateness of TBTN raffling simulated gunfire passes. Jodi Wartenberg is confident she will find a party who will willingly take the passes in exchange for a \$25.00 donation to our Club.

Minutes: Denise Payton made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Sandy Costa. Motion approved.

Speakers: The speakers will be available beginning at 10:30 a.m. on October 7th through the evening of October 8th. They are scheduled to speak at Joliet West and Central campuses on the 7th and Lincoln Way Central, Premiere Academy and Joliet Alternate School on the 8th. It may be possible to work in another school presentation (at JCA). They are also needed to do a Radio Spot the morning of the event.

Jodi will arrange to transport the speakers on October 7th. Denise will take them to their engagements on October 8th.

The speakers will be staying at Harrah's Casino and Harrah's will also be buying them dinner. These plans might change in the unlikely event that either speaker ever participated in anti-gaming activities.

Plans are underway for Skip Lanham to tape the Stand Up presentation for Joliet Community Television.

Denise Payton and Jodi Wartenberg are the tentative guests for the Lynn, Mary and Natalie WJOL radio show the Friday prior to the event.

Drive: Laurie Knick referred members to the TBTN website for information on the items we are soliciting for local domestic violence shelters. Shelter staff are advised to be prepared to receive donated items the night of the event.

Survivor Stories: Cherry Powell has collected four stories plus one more story in progress. Karen Ward has an additional two stories. Excerpts from these stories will appear in the brochure and people will be referred to the website for the complete story.

Site: We may need to purchase liability insurance, a stipulation required by Bicentennial Park. Glenn Marcum is checking with Tom Thanas to see if this insurance can be waived. If not, it may be a necessary expense of approximately \$350.00.

The microphone and podium are all set. Glenn has received word from Deanna that Scott will be able to plug in sound using an IPOD.

TBTN Committee members are encouraged to park at the Township Offices and walk to Bicentennial Park.

Mardi will ask JPD to assist with parking. Mardi will file the necessary parade permit.

Facebook: Check out the account we now have on Facebook thanks to Lisa Las!

Memorial: Sandy Costa is awaiting the list from the Coroner's Office. Sandy Costa has arranged for the Freedom Singers to perform from Universal Unitarian Church. They will sing after the Memorial and before the march.

Public Relations: Beth Ann and Jodi Wartenberg have been very active notifying church, athletic, and African-American groups about our event. Articles have appeared and are yet to appear in the press and a variety of newsletters.

Beth Ann asked members to go to at least two marquee locations. She prepared an informational sheet with suggested marquee titles to be provided to the marquee holder. If the organization won't do a marquee, ask if they will post flyers/posters.

The Herald News is donating 3 large ads for our event. Each ad will contain more information, with the last one appearing on the date of the event.

Sign-Making: The Junior Women's Club is to be relied upon.

Program: The program was circulated so that people can make sure their Agency information is correct. September 18th is the deadline for submissions to the booklet.

Merchandise: The shirts will be available for purchase at the next Zonta meeting and at the next TBTN meeting. Marsha will pay for the merchandise using her own credit card and Joy Alwan, Treasurer will reimburse her. Marsha needs help transporting the merchandise to and from the event.

Marsha will prepare two collection buckets for donations--one will be kept at the merchandise table. The other will be used to collect donations from marchers as they reach the finish line.

Noteworthy Attendees: Beth Ann will ask Nancy Schultz Voots to note the elected officials to be recognized for their attendance.

Clerk of Court: Pam McGuire's staff will be hosting a fundraiser to benefit TBTN at McBrody's on October 2nd from 5 to 9. Fundraising activities include a bean bag contest and 50/50 raffle. Staff will also sell TBTN merchandise on our behalf. Proceeds from these activities will be presented by Pam McGuire in the form of a check at Take Back The Night. Thank you Clerks of Court!

Library Displays: Thank you to members who decorated windows and display cabinets with TBTN paraphernalia. Please take photographs of your displays.

Thank You Cards: Cards were distributed for thanking individuals and groups in addition to those giving monetary and in-kind donations (who will be thanked by our member Jean Mandeville).

Announcement: April Balzhiser announced Groundwork's First Annual "Angels Against Abuse 5k Walk." It will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2009. For more information visit: www.events.org/angelsagainstabuse.

Meeting adjourned: On the motion of Cherry Powell and Sandy Costa.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at the Joliet Township Offices.

Minutes Prepared By: Mardi Wunderlich
September 2, 2009