

LAWRENCE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ALLIANCE
MINUTES
January 24, 2012
5:00 P.M.

Present: Susan Varga, Community Representative
Carol Chamberlain, Chairperson
Steve Groeger, Recreation Superintendent
Mark Ubry, Lawrence Township Police Department
Tonia Moore, School Representative
Kelly Nitti, Camp Fire Boys and Girls
Laurie Wilson, Project Graduation
Suzanne Rose, Homefront
Monica Barria, Mercer County Alliance Coordinator

Absent: James Kownacki, Council Liaison
Richard Monacchio, Community Representative
Melody Powell, PEI Kids

A. Review of Minutes

The minutes of the October 25, 2011 and December 13, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved.

B. Grant Activity Reports

LMTI - The students conducted a Vision Board Project during the first two weeks of January. It was a very successful program in which the students planned activities for the remainder of the year.

A group of the LMTI students made a presentation at the Mercer County Alliance Dinner about their experiences at LMTI camp in the summer of 2011.

The LMTI students are collecting blue jeans for homeless teens through a program with Aeropostale. Jeans will be collected at Lawrence High School through February 10, 2012.

In February LMTI is recognizing Relationship Month. There will be peer education activities in which teen sensitive sexual issues will be discussed by peer leaders with freshman students.

Camp Fire Boys and Girls - Safe and Sure classes are currently being scheduled for Slackwood School. The program consists of classes one hour per week for six weeks.

PEI Kids - No report.

Project Graduation - Currently the focus of activities is fundraising. Mr. LHS will be held on April 5, 2012. The prom will be April 20, 2012. This will be the day of the senior breakfast. There are 285 students in the senior class. Graduation is scheduled for the third week of June.

Information about Project Graduation and the LADA will be distributed at the Lawrence High School play and the Lawrence Intermediate School play in March.

DARE - The DARE program is currently being conducted for the fifth graders at Lawrence Intermediate School. The program is fifteen weeks in length. In February the DARE program will start for the fifth grade students at St. Ann's School. There are approximately thirty students in the fifth grade class at St. Ann's School.

Community Awareness - Information was distributed about a teen media contest sponsored by the N.J. Department of Human Services. The topic of the contest is parental responsibility.

A parent alert about energy drinks was distributed to LADA members.

A flyer for the PEI Kids Fundraiser "Ladies Night Out" was distributed.

Carol Chamberlain reminded the LADA about the radio program "Inside Your Mind" on the Rider University radio station, The Bronc 107.7. The program is hosted by Margarita Leahy. The program is partially sponsored by the LADA.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Chamberlain
Chairperson