

Take Back the Night Minutes  
August 2, 2010

Those in attendance: Sue Bloch, Lora McGuire, Joy Alwan, Kathy Craven, Katrina Crone, Jodi Wartenberg, April Balzhiser, Jean Mandeville, Laurie Knick, Denise Payton, Connie Head, Roxanne Geraci Militello Julie Oetter, Mardi Wunderlich and Lynette Shea

April began the meeting at 5:37 p.m. A motion to accept the minutes for the July meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jodi and Denise, minutes approved.

First order of business was Prairie State Legal Services has asked us to appoint someone to their board, or they have asked that they send someone to our board, (secretary having a moment). It was suggested this be tabled until we have more details or a representative from their group can come to one of our meetings and explain.

Court Watch: April has finally received a call back from Betty Gavin regarding Court Watch. She is no longer part of JACOB. The question becomes should we approach JACOB to find someone else? Discussion pursued from asking the Lewis Univ. social work students if they wanted to take on this project, to looking at DeKalb County's Court watch program. Joy said Hennepin County has a good court watch too. April said a lot of us have a conflict with our job and being in court so we need to take a closer look and see what is doable. It was also suggested that maybe someone from the Unitarian Church may want to take it on as a project. To be discussed at further meetings.

**Committee Updates and needs:**

**List of supplies needed**

Carrie has a list from Guardian Angel and Lambs Fold of items that are needed. Laurie will help with the collection the night of the vigil.

**Merchandise**

Jodi reported that Mike Trizna from Chicago Street Bar & Grill has purchased a screen printer and is willing to do our T-shirts. He says he will beat any price o the shirts with no set up fee. She told him we would still be looking for American made and he told her those shirts are in the book that he gets.

Cherry will call Marsha and fill her in before she places the order so she can talk with Mike.

## **Fundraising**

Lynette reported that the Circuit Clerk's Office is planning another fundraiser for TBTN. Last year Pam McGuire's office raised \$6,100, they are hoping to surpass that number! She will let everyone know the details as they are ready. Lora asked that Lynette send her the info, so it can get on the radio spots for the vigil and march.

## **Speaker**

Lora was all full of news regarding the event and the speaker. She will be speaking at JJC on Wednesday instead of Thursday. They will be paying for her overnight. Lora told her to bring her book so she could sign and sell copies. Denise will also be taking her around after her talk at JJC and before the speech at our vigil.

Lora also wanted to remind us all about the Joliet Chamber Council for Working Women monthly meeting October 14, 2010 at Jacob Henry Mansion 11:30-1pm cost is \$15 members only, but TBTN can come as invited guests. She will be e-mailing us the information.

## **Printing**

Lora is having 2000 flyers printed (with union bug) for the TBTN vigil and march. Avsec is doing it for \$80. These will be given to the Chamber who will mail them out for free. The committee has been instructed to print our own out and distribute.

On Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, Hero's and Legend's is doing a promotional for TBTN. They will give us 10% of the gross proceeds from anyone who eats there and mentions us. It was suggested we go there for our rally wrap up!

Tom at Insty-print is donating the paper; Zonta is paying for the printing.

Pam Heavens at Will-Grundy Center for Independent Living asked that we let people know the sign language interpreter is courtesy of them, on our posters and flyers. We have made a notation to make sure this is done on next year's information.

## **Route to follow at the rally**

Mardi will file a parade route for the rally. This year we will start at the Univ. of St. Francis, we will march north on Wilcox St. to Plainfield Rd. (Rt. #30) west to six corners, left on Raynor Ave. to Douglas St. and back to University.

## **Booklet**

Katrina is working on the updates for the booklet

## **Acknowledgement of Appreciation**

This year we will be honoring Zonta and the Joliet Junior Women's Club.

## **Survivor's Stories**

Four stories will be printed in the booklet, others will go on the website.

## **Photography**

At next meeting Sept. 7th, we will be taking our TBTN committee picture, wear your shirts!

## **Entertainment**

Generation X dancers have been in contact with April regarding dancing at the vigil. They do two dances geared to emphasize domestic violence. April will contact them to see if they can perform that night.

## **Politician sign in at vigil**

We will be asking Beth to handle this. Lora has asked Sheila Simon to attend, but has not heard back from her yet.

## **Other Business:**

**Free Seminar** – Mardi reported there will be a free seminar held at Bi-park for social workers and law enforcement. Topics are "Parental Child Abduction" and "Unlawful Child Visitation". It will be held August 25<sup>th</sup> – 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Next meeting will be held Monday September 7, 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lynette Shea