

Take Back The Night Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2009

Present: Yolanda Reyes, Cheri Johnson, Denise Payton, Laurie Knick, Sr. Albert Marie Papesh, Glen Marcum, Jean Mandeville, Carolyn Khan, Cherry Powell, Joy Alwan, Mardi Wunderlich, Beth May.

Site Management: Bicentennial Park is available on October 7th or 8th, the Park Staff prefer the 8th. Jodi said that our speakers are available on either date. After a brief discussion, the membership decided on Thursday, October 8th for our Event.

Glen indicated that the Park has a Public Address system, and it will not be necessary to rent one. Cherry reported difficulty hearing at past events because the Park's P.A. system wasn't sufficient. However, it was determined that the particular location of our event will pose no sound problems.

Speaker: Jodi said that our speakers are Jamie Daugherty and Art Moore from the Stand Up Program. They are willing to speak at any engagements we arrange for them.

At this time, they have no speaking engagements in our area in order to listen to their presentation for audition purposes. Carolyn Khan thought that she might have a tape of one of their talks.

Jodi asked that members be on the alert for opportunities to have our speakers talk while we have them at our beck and call. It may work out that we book them for more than one day, in which case we will consider paying their motel and related expenses.

It was suggested that Cherry Powell compile a list of area schools, and that these schools be sent a letter offering the "Stand Up" presentation, along with a copy of the press release.

Website: Jodi has reviewed the website and discovered that it is a bit out-of-date. She will speak to Lisa Las about doing the necessary updates. Jodi asked members to review the website and send any corrections directly to Lisa with a copy to Jodi.

Display Tables: Denise Payton has a list of United Way agencies and other agencies. She will send out letters soliciting materials to be displayed at Take Back The Night and asking that agencies send a representative to the event.

Drive: Laurie Knick has the wish list from Lamb's Fold and is seeking similar lists from the Sexual Assault Services Center and Groundwork. It was suggested that Laurie write to women and church organizations to inform them of our drive and solicit donated items from them. Sister Albert Marie Papesh offered a list of churches from the Diocese.

Agencies that will be the recipients of the donated items should be advised to be prepared to take the items at the conclusion of the TBTN march.

Public Relations: Beth Ann will submit a general "save the date" press release. In it, she will invite groups to contact us who are interested in having our speakers talk at their meeting.

In her role as President of the Zonta Club, Beth plans to utilize funds set aside for TBTN to purchase 200 canvas shopping bags imprinted with Zonta and TBTN logos. These bags will be given freely at our event on a first come, first serve basis.

Jodi has not yet sent a note to the current Herald News Publisher inviting the Herald News to partner with us as they have in the past.

Fundraising: Yolanda will be updating the letter that is sent to Chamber members. Jodi asked that Yolanda send her the updated solicitation letter by March 11th. Jodi wants to share this letter with the Lockport Chamber who will be considering raising funds from their membership for us at their March 14th meeting.

As to describing the population served by our organization, it was decided to utilize the phrase "female victims of violence and their children."

Carolyn Kahn requested that her Agency be added to the TBTN Letterhead.

Treasurer: Joy requested a copy of the inventory taken at the conclusion of last year's March. Jodi provided her with the copy. Joy advised us that we must renew our Illinois Sales Tax exemption. Joy distributed the Treasurer's Report dated March 3, 2009. TBTN became members in the Illinois Center for Violence Prevention at a cost of \$100.00. That leaves us with a balance of \$5141.61.

Thank You's: Jean Mandeville needs the TBTN logo to order new note cards. Jodi indicated that she will order the cards from Lithoprint. She can obtain 200 cards at a cost of \$108.65, with an additional charge of \$83.85 for envelopes.

Denise Payton made the motion to approve the purchase of the cards/envelopes. Motion seconded by Jean Mandeville. Motion carried.

Yard Signs: After considerable discussion, it was decided to table this issue. However, members were asked to consider whether we should to purchase a small number of 4' by 4' signs that we would strategically place to advertise our event.

Court Watch: The membership discussed concerns about domestic violence court and the establishment of a court watch.

Beth Ann May moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Denise Payton. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes Prepared By: Mardi Wunderlich

Date: March 4, 2009