

Take Back the Night Minutes
May 4, 2010

Meeting began at 5:10 with April asking for approval of minutes from the April meeting. Beth motioned and Mardi seconded the motion, minutes were approved.

Those in attendance: Beth May, Joy Alwan, Kathy Craven, Lynette Shea, Mardi Wunderlich, Jodi Wartenberg, April Balzhiser, Sr. Alberta Marie Papesch, Carolyn Kahn, Glen Marcum and Connie Head.

Beth passed around the updated letterhead for everyone to check and approve, also the updated roster.

The site and date for the TBTN event was then opened for discussion. Two places that were discussed were Bi-Park and University of St. Francis. Bi-Park has no feasible dates available that don't conflict with city council meetings so USF was suggested for its gym and auditorium facilities. Also it is close to 6-corners and we would get a lot of exposure on our walk. It was decided wherever we go, the talk should be done in an inside venue.

Angel suggested the gym at Guardian Angel as a back-up facility. She said there would be a lot of parking and perhaps Dow financial across the street would allow parking in their lot. Beth said if we were at USF we would get more participation from the students who may attend. Jodi asked Glen to make the calls to find out if USF would be available and to speak with Larry Burch (?) re: Moser Auditorium. It was discussed the auditorium will seat more people than Bi-Park and since last year at that facility was SRO this would be a good thing.

There was more discussion on Bi-Park and how they are scheduling 3 plays there in the month of October and the public not able to use it. Beth thought that since it is a public building, it was unreasonable that the public could not use it. Everyone agreed that it seemed the management of Bi-Park just didn't want to it would be too much to work something out.

Sister Alberta cautioned the parking at USF would be tough because of the students in night classes. Jodi asked Glen to mention it when he made the call and to explain last year we had over 400 people in attendance. The gym at USF is nice and that would work well too. She said we could use Guardian Angel as the back-up and asked Glen to call her immediately after he spoke to USF. She is waiting to hear on where we will be holding the rally in order to get a speaker.

Scholarships: Mardi stated none have been submitted to her. Carolyn said she would check because she knew someone had been filling out the application. April said there were 2 applications from GA that she thought were submitted.

Jackhammers Game: April was notified that we could not coordinate a good date with Scott Slocum so he offered it to Big Brothers, Big Sisters. She reported that we could work on another time next year that would work best for us. We all agreed that it would be a great opportunity to get information on our organization out to the public. Mardi

and Beth agreed that the image we have out in the public is different from what goes on in this room. We aren't big business with a lot of backing etc.

Court Watch: April said she had spoken to Betty and that they were still interested and still working on it.

Treasurer's Report: Joy had nothing to report. Our balance is \$5,279.40. All bills are currently paid. Jodi said we would of course be making an investment in merchandise for the TBTN rally and that money would be coming out of the treasury for the scholarships, but it looked like we were in good shape.

New Business: Beth is going to check to see if TBTN could speak at the Chamber meeting to get the message out regarding our rally in October, as soon as we know where it may be. Beth will check on this.

Carolyn sadly reported that she would be stepping out of active participation for awhile. She said she would still like to attend the meetings and help where she could, but for the next few months she would take an inactive role. She asked Sister Albert Marie to find someone else to help with the

Beth also mentioned a new fundraiser – selling bags of coffee with our logo on the packaging. She spoke to the representatives to check them out: where was the coffee made, do they employ women, etc. After discussion on the price per pound, it was determined this would not be a good return of profit for us.

Beth reported that Yoli (Yolanda Reyes) would be stepping away from Take Back the Night.

Conversation then went back to finding a place for the rally in October. Flyers need to be made and printed with the date as soon as possible. Beth is going to double check our letterhead and will have it printed with the current information.

Sister also suggested that if we couldn't get USF maybe we could have the rally at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel church on Jackson St. She said it has a new community room with lots of space and parking.

Kathy C. will check on speaker information.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday June 1, 2010 – Township office.

Jodi motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second from Mardi. Meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lynette Shea