

Take Back The Night

Minutes from the November 11, 2008 Meeting

Present: Beth Ann May, Jean Mandeville, Jody Wartenberg, Sandy Costa, Yolanda Reyes, Diane Moler (student intern), Cherry Powell, Maria Herrera, Marsha Lega, and Mardi Wunderlich.

President, Jody Wartenberg, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Disbursement of Charitable Funds: Our ending balance as of November 1, 2008 was determined to be \$7776.75. Members agreed that monies should be held back to cover the cost of TBTN projects planned for next year, including but not limited to, yard signs, speaker fee, school programs, merchandise, magnetic card resource displays, and adult seminar speaker.

After further discussion, members wished to distribute funds to each to the following social services agencies: Will County Legal Aid, Child Advocacy Center, Lamb's Fold, Groundwork, Sexual Assault Services Center, Bridges to a New Day, and Court Appointed Special Advocates.

Sandy Costa made a motion to give each of the above-named agencies \$300.00. This motion was seconded by Mardi Wunderlich. The motion carried 10 votes to 0.

President, Jody Wartenberg, expressed her concern that our local library system has a dearth of books on the subject of violence against women. Furthermore, she noted the upcoming International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (November 25, 2008). Mardi Wunderlich made the motion to donate \$300.00 to the local library system for the purchase of books to be selected by Jody Wartenberg. This motion was seconded by Sandy Costa. The motion carried 6 votes to 3.

Beth Ann May will draft press releases to inform the media of the agency and library donations noted above.

Mardi Wunderlich will draft letters to the recipients of the agency funds and will work with Treasurer, Joy Alwan to include checks in the amount of \$300.00.

Meeting Times: Henceforth, we will meet at the Joliet Township Offices at 5:30 p.m. on the 1st Tuesday of every month beginning on February 3, 2009.

TBTN Event Date: The 2009 March and Vigil will be Thursday, October 8th. In the event we cannot coordinate that date with a location or a speaker, we will move the event to Wednesday, October 7, 2009.

Location: Glen Marcum will be asked to research the availability of Bicentennial Park as well as Joliet West High School.

Speaker: Members interested in proposing a speaker for our October, 2009 event, are asked to research the speaker's credentials, fee and availability for the event--as well as other possible speaking engagements that day or the next at the grade school, high school, or university levels, depending on the appropriate venue for their topic.

Jody Wartenberg will research proposed speaker, Lisa Cuklanz, author of "Rape and the Media."

Carrie Jo Klaussen will be asked to research Jackson Katz, the author of "The Macho Paradox."

Merchandise: Marsha Lega, Maria Herrera and Cherry Powell will form the committee to recommend merchandise to be purchased.

Thank You's: Jean Mandeville advised that all the thank you's to the 2008 TBTN supporters have been sent.

Memorial: Sandy Costa requested that members send her local news items reporting victims of violence against women.

Food, Toiletries, or Clothing Drive: Members discussed the possibility of adding this to our 2009 Event.

Mardi Wunderlich moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Yolanda Reyes. Motion carried.

Minutes Prepared By: Mardi Wunderlich, TBTN Secretary
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