

Take Back the Night Minutes  
July 6, 2010

Those in attendance: Beth May, Lora McGuire, Joy Alwan, Marsha Lega, Sr. Albert Marie Papesh, Kathy Craven, Sue Bloch, Katrina Crone, Jodi Wartenberg, April Balzhiser, Jean Mandeville, Carrie Claussen, Laurie Knick and Lynette Shea

April began the meeting at 5:32.

**Scholarship Committee – Money for Laptop**

The meeting began with opening remarks on the scholarship money. Mardi, who could not be at this meeting, (that's using her head!) received a call from the scholarship recipient who said that her educational expenses are all being paid by another grant she received. She asked if our \$1,000 scholarship could be used to purchase a lap top computer.

April asked for comments and everyone was pretty positive with letting her use the money for the lap top. Joy had some concern on the logistics of how we could make this happen and if it corresponded with the guidelines the scholarship committee laid down. Lynette had a copy of the scholarship application that stated "Checks will be made out to and sent directly to the institution listed on this application".

General comments ran from, having Joy go with her to pick out and pay for the lap top, letting her do the research on the laptop as to type and price, to reimbursing her the cost of the laptop. It was the general consensus of the members that this was not an unusual request that many times grant money was given directly to the recipient to use as they saw fit.

Jodi asked that we make an exception to the scholarship application this one time, so that the TBTN program can make out the check for \$1,000 to the recipient with verification of class registration. Everyone voted yes to do that.

**Flyers/Poster –**

April said what everyone thought, the flyer is awesome. Lora did a great job. She stated she will get 100 flyer size printed and will have them at the next meeting. Jodi asked if any posters were being made and that she could probably post 5 of them. Lora will check the sizes and make that decision, possibly 50 posters.

The availability of the printer was discussed. There is a question of Joliet Litho still being in business. Other suggestions for union printers were Printing Craftsmen of Joliet and Avsec Printing.

At this time, Beth asked what the display was that was on the table and Joy explained it will be the memorial display across the front of the stage at our vigil and march. It can then be used from year to year.

## **Review of Committees –**

Booklet – Katrina will be doing the booklet with Lora to proof it.

## **Merchandise –**

Marsha has been very busy! She has been researching new t-shirts and sweatshirts, what color would be best and pricing. She has come up with a butter-cream yellow hooded sweatshirt that would sell for approx. \$16.00. We will have to order at least 150 shirts, but she also was able to get us the option of choosing any combination of hooded sweatshirt, men's t-shirts, women's t-shirts and children sizes to make up the 150 order!

It was determined we should put the large TBTN logo on the back of the shirts this year with the possibility of a small logo on the front upper left side. She will be checking the price of 2 logos. Everyone liked the yellow color; ink color will be black, dark blue, dark gray or brown. Marsha will determine.

She also suggested we look at ordering mugs, yellow umbrellas and mouse pads. She said if she gets them ordered in August, she could have the items here by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. She will report on the final decisions for next meeting.

Jodi expressed her opinion of the best shirt that TBTN ever had was the brown long sleeve t-shirt with pink lettering! It was American made and the best quality. April said we should try to use American made shirts, not foreign companies that may use sweatshop labor. The shirt brand was American Apparel, Marsha said she would try to track down the company and get pricing. Thanks Marsha for all your work!

## **Open discussion –**

Lora wanted to give us the speaker agenda for the vigil and march. The night before, Ms. Taylor will be coming to Joliet. JJC will be putting her up in a hotel. Lora will pick her up and she will speak at JJC – 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. She then will be taken to the Council of Working Women luncheon at the Jacob Henry Mansion from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. We are all invited to attend; cost is \$15/person. She will be sending out more information as we get closer to the date.

If Ms. Taylor is up to it, Denise would be taking her to visit our agencies, Lamb's Fold and GAH, or maybe she would rather just rest up before the evening event, it is up to her.

Dinner will be at 4:30 – place to be determined. Then she will speak at the vigil at USF. She will then drive home.

It was asked if she will be selling her book at the vigil and signing copies, and it was determined she would, also at the CWW luncheon. Lora said JJC would be buying some books and will have them in the bookshop. April reported that when she was at one of her engagements, Ms. Taylor had boxes of her books that she brought along and asked that she do it for our vigil too.

Lora requested that we go back to doing something we used to do for our guest speakers, supply a basket of goodies for them as a remembrance. We could add a t-shirt, information, etc. April said she could supply fragrance. Everyone thought this was as great idea.

Beth reported our letter went out in the Chamber mailing. She will be in contact with other area chambers to see if she can come and speak to them about supporting our vigil and march. She also brought to our attention; she had been to a Zonta convention and they had passed out small flashlight/whistles. She thought they might be a good idea for the Zonta club to buy and pass out at the vigil. (Every year, Zonta does something in support of TBTN.) Everyone thought that was a great idea.

Also every year, TBTN recognizes some individual who has gone above and beyond in their support and work for TBTN. Last year we recognized Lisa Las for her outstanding work on our website. This year, it was recommended that the Women of Zonta Club could be recognized for their continued support and efforts for our cause. Beth made a motion to recognize Zonta this year, Lora seconded it, motion carried. We will order 2 plaques to be presented the night of our vigil.

Lora reported that the chamber will mail 2000 copies of our vigil flyer with their newsletter!

Jodi suggested that next meeting we go through the vigil booklet to pick out the people and organizations we can target for donations.

Joy reported there is approximately \$4,000 in our treasury.

Carrie Jo is lining up the Girl Scout troop that contacted us to help the night of the vigil. They can hand out programs; help light candles and march with the leaders. The topic of donations the night of the vigil came up. It was determined, we should again ask for the same type of items as last year, garbage bags, kitchen towels, etc. Pantry items are also needed. Julie suggested we contact the high schools. She had success with the Key Club of JT Central collecting food for her organization. Beth said we should give the list to Mary Baudino to put in the Zonta newsletter and to Lisa for the website and face book page.

April said shower thongs or flip-flops are desperately needed in all sizes. No other business was to be discussed. Jodi made a motion for adjournment, second by Julie, meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Next meeting will be Monday August 2, 2010. Note: change of day due to other meetings that TBTN members need to attend. Lynette will send out several reminders the last week of July and will let Lisa know for a website/face book page update.

Respectfully submitted by Lynette Shea