

**Willcox Against Substance Abuse – W.A.S.A.
Board Meeting Agenda
October 7, 2016**

- I. **Call to Order** by Coordinator, Gary Hatch at 12:05 PM. Present were: Gary Hatch, John Cropper, Rachel Garza, Roxy Roffey, Sam Lindsey, Liz Tenney, LaDonna Burgess, Susan Richards, Liz Davis, Adriana Valencia and Sally White.
- II. **Call to Public** offered – no response
- III. **Review of Notes from September meeting** – As there was no quorum, no voting could occur at the September meeting, notes of the discussion held by those present was submitted simply for general interest.
- IV. **Approval of August minutes:** As there was no quorum at the September Board meeting, August minutes could not be approved at that time. Minutes were read and approved at this meeting on a motion by LaDonna seconded by Rachel and unanimous vote.
- V. **Approval of October Agenda:** Approved on a motion by LaDonna, seconded by Rachel and unanimously approved.
- VI. **Financial Update – Roxy Roffey:** Current balances of all accounts were reviewed – note made that the summer program account now contains the \$4500 grant received from Cenpatico which will be used to purchase summer supplies and update such things as prevention videos and pamphlets and theater supplies. Discussion followed regarding other uses of these funds. Susan explained funds can only be used for what was approved in the grant award, but amounts used between the items can be shifted to meet actual costs, anything above the authorized amounts would be WASA's responsibility. Financial report accepted on a motion by Liz, seconded by John and unanimously approved.
- VII. **Coordinator's Report – Gary Hatch** Gary initiated a discussion regarding Youth Court – there is a statewide summit to be held in Phoenix on November 10 where we would like this year's YC members to participate. Gary would also like to see a committee formed. Motion by Gary, seconded by Rachel and unanimously approved to use money from Youth Court account to pay for registration and the one day trip to Phoenix. Gary, Liz, Rachel and LaDonna would like to be on the committee to develop ways the high school Youth Court could interact with the Middle School to improve the climate and behavior there. Gary suggested that we need to organize the resources we have rather than start something new developed around positive motivational experiences.
- VIII. **Old Business:**
 - a) **Rex Allen Days:**
 - Fire Department Banners:** John reported that the banners Adriana created for the fire department truck to use in the parade worked very well. Sally noted that we have the kits to create great banners & posters as long as it is ok for the background to be yellow and that John had personally donated \$100 to WASA for these. Adriana showed a picture of the Halloween posters she is working on using the same computer program.
 - Turtle Races:** Adriana reported that she, Rachel & Sally worked the turtle races – the idea this year (from the Rex Allen Days committee) was for the kids to dress like "box turtles" and race (health & safety concerns regarding use of live turtles). It did not appear that the public understood this well as we only had one actual entry (he loaned his "turtle shell" to his cousin so she could also win a medal. Rachel asked if we could have some boxes made up next year for the kids to use for this – Sally explained that this was actually a RAD event, but as they were very short staffed they asked WASA to run this part. We do not know that would happen again. It was only a donation of approximately one hour's time, and supported a community event so we were glad to help out but will probably not devote any additional time or funds to it.
- IX. **New Business:**
 - a) **Red Ribbon Week:** WASA has ribbons, wrist bands and some small prizes to promote this annual substance abuse awareness program that will occur the last week of October. Adriana & Liz are

creating a giant red ribbon for the football team to break through at the start of their game, we will hand out candy for those wearing red ribbons or wrist bands when they come to the game and have some mini-footballs for the cheerleaders to throw out to the crowd. All students & staff will receive a ribbon or wristband, and be given candy treats if “caught” wearing them throughout the week. Assemblies & poster contests at the Middle School. There will be an article in the newspaper and we would like to put out balloon bouquets with some ribbons and a donation box at any business that wants to participate. City Library and Shotten’s Insurance has already volunteered. St. Vincent de Paul, & Red Nine were offered at this meeting. Roxy will pass out ribbons at their immunization clinic and Liz suggested putting up a bouquet at Willcox Traders. Rachel volunteered to hand out red ribbons and accept donations for WASA on Saturday of RRW.

b) Halloween: We will be having events in Keiller Park on both Saturday, Oct. 29 and Monday, Oct. 31. Jose Baltierrez is in charge of a haunted house sponsored by SSVEC (with profits going to WASA), Rotary Club & WWTE will be having games and Peggy Judd is running a Boo-Olympics, Rachel offered to hand out popcorn, Liz offered her popcorn maker, Tim is checking to see if VTC will sponsor a movie in the park. We will be getting out fliers next week. Adriana and Liz D. offered to help where needed. The Maddox family will have trunks both nights and Susan will have a trunk on Monday. Thanks to the successful haunted house last year we have \$500 in the bank to start.. Sally was given permission to spend up to \$300 of that this coming week for candy to hand out. Liz suggested we offer the fliers to put on doors of those who donated for “Trick or Treaters to go to the park for their treats”. We want to make this a wonderful community activity. It was decided the best way to get a rough count of how many attended was to put a sticker on all visitors (count what we have left and subtract for a count).

c) Coats for Kids: WASA office will be getting coats up during the Fall Break this week. Some present reported Elementary School already has coats up. This is something that you cannot have too much of but it would be nice to coordinate efforts. WASA got a late donation last year so we have quite a few nice jackets to start with but need more small sizes.

c) Quilt Raffle: Adriana showed the quilt that has been donated to us by Barbara Browning and the fliers she created. Members took fliers and raffle tickets to sell. Drawing will be December 16 – members asked to keep an eye out for a good venue in which to do the drawing.

d) NAMI Classes: WASA is helping sponsor two NAMI classes on Thursday nights at the community center. They are the “Basics” and “Family to Family”. Roxy and Rachel reported they attended last night’s first class and felt they learned a lot. WASA is also getting the Middle School involved in the “Breaking the Silence” to help youth understand mental disabilities and stop bullying those kids who have them. Middle School has agreed to do these classes through the E/I period, hopefully we can also get the program into the other schools. Considerable discussion followed about early evaluations and the connections of mental issues with incarcerated individuals.

X. **Other: LaDonna** expressed concern over the “clowning” epidemic we are hearing about nationwide—we need to be aware at Halloween. **Liz Davis** agreed (as a youth) that we need to be on high alert.

b) Sam asked us to recognize our newest City Council member, Rachel Garza. WASA now has 3 members of the City Council on our Board – YAY!

c) Rachel expressed concern over the emphasis that is being put on testing through the Beyond Textbooks curriculum; she would like to see us sponsor some fun, motivational events at Middle School.

XI. **Adjourn;** There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 1:38 PM