

**Willcox Against Substance Abuse
W.A.S.A. Meeting Agenda
December 2 at TA Truck Stop**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Co-Chair Kathryn Ford-Maddox at 12:15 pm.

ROLL CALL: Kathryn Ford-Maddox, Gary Hatch, Roxy Roffey, Sam Lindsey, Susan Richards, John Cropper and Sally White. (Note: John was called out on a fire emergency at the beginning of the meeting.) Tim had sent e-mail that he was out of town but would get the fund raiser date set. Rachel had notified Sally that she had a required school training this date.

CALL TO PUBLIC: No response.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES: A date error had been caught in the original e-mailed minutes, so corrected copy was given to those present and approved on a motion by Gary, seconded by Roxy and unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER AGENDA: Agenda approved on a motion by Sam, seconded by Susan and unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Roxy presented the current balances of all WASA accounts and the detailed transaction copy for those accounts that had any activity for the previous month. The new procedure, adopted at the November Executive Committee meeting, is that the activity report will be presented monthly to the Executive Committee for approval or re-direction and a copy of the approved report will be included in the financial report at the next regular meeting. Note: Balance of accounts will always be current at the meeting where they are presented; transaction report will be current as of the previous Executive Committee meeting. Report accepted on a motion by Gary, seconded by Sam and unanimous approval. Discussion held regarding the Meth Task Force balance of \$61.47 that has remained on our books with no activity by that committee in well over a year. After discussion Sam moved that the balance in the Meth Task Force account be moved into the General Account and the MTF go into hiatus status. Motion seconded by Susan and unanimously passed. Members feel that as popularity of various drug use changes frequently, we should not concentrate so much on just a Meth Task Force, but expand and update our information on all drugs and address appropriately – current brochures and posters showing the honest consequence of usage can be very effective.

COORDINATOR REPORT: Gary brought the group up to date with the final Halloween fund report. It was decided by the Executive Committee that we did not need to carry the large \$759.74 balance until next Halloween as all we really need is a starter fund for next October; therefore the cost Halloween ads and reimbursement checks to people who had paid for Halloween material out of pocket were taken from the balance leaving us with \$286.20 to start next year's event. He also informed the group that as WASA is a member of Rotary we will be helping with the upcoming "Harlem Globetrotter" type of event that is coming up after the first of the year. WASA will receive a portion of the sales, making this both a fund raiser and a community service project. The WASA/NAMI project where we are helping provide use of the Community Center for adult classes each Thursday will be finishing on Dec. 22, Roxy and Rachel have been attending these meetings and feel they are of value (although they can get a little boring). We will also be partnering with NAMI during second semester to engage students in Middle and (hopefully) High School in a training to develop empathy and cut down the bullying that many challenged students face. Four members of the Youth Court team along with Justin

Allred (their teacher) and Sally attended a statewide youth court conference at the State Capitol on November 10. The school provided transportation, WASA paid the registration fees and a meal on the way home out of our Youth Court account.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Quilt Raffle:** We have been making small but steady progress, really need to do a push between now and the Dec. 16 drawing date. If there is nothing local to provide a public place for the drawing, Sally will go to the open air market in Sunsites the morning of the 16th and sell tickets until about 11:30 AM then do the drawing. Members were asked to turn in any tickets they might have out and to look for venues where we can sell.
- **Christmas Parade:** Sam will drive his convertible and throw out candy at Dec. 3, parade. He would like some help with decorating and getting out the candy. Roxy volunteered to help him. This is a no cost event – we have the magnetic signs for the side of the car and will use the left over Halloween candy to throw out. Very little information has been given about entering, it is apparently just show up and do it.
- **Summer Fund Raising Event – April:** Tim has agreed to chair this day long activity that will hopefully cover most of our summer costs. He could not be here today but would like to know who would be interested in serving on the committee. He plans to reserve golf course for April 29 –will have more at the next meeting. Sally suggested if everyone would agree to contact 2 or 3 businesses, organizations or people they know to donate items for the silent auction, purchase advertising at the golf tournament or buy tickets and participate in the auction, we could effectively make this happen.
- **Follow-up Retreat - February:** Eddie Browning has agreed to chair this again this year, any Saturday in Feb. except the long weekend. We want to truly assess what we have accomplished and look at where we go from here. Consensus was that we should check with Peterson's first to see if they would like to host the venue as they were most helpful last year and we need to support local as much as possible. Date to be selected at January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

> **Officer Elections / Membership Drive – January:** Sally will send out both new Membership applications and interest forms for anyone who might consider an officer position. Membership is updated annually just to keep us current. Officers are elected for a two-year term – they may run again each two years but have the option of stepping off at that time if they wish. Forms should be returned to the WASA office or brought to the January general meeting, elections will be held that day. Think of people who would help us grow.

> **Coat Donation by Emmitt Soqui:** Sally just shared a “Feel Good” moment – out of nowhere she received a call from a young man who was a student here 15 or so years ago who asked about our Coats for Kids program and explained that he and his family had depended on WASA for coats when he was in school and now that he was doing ok (lives in Mesa and works as a supervisor for disability service system) he would like to give back. He brought a dozen beautiful new coats to be given out!

ADJOURN: There being no further business, meeting adjourned on a motion by Gary, seconded by Susan at 1:12 pm.