

**Willcox Against Substance Abuse
W.A.S.A. Meeting Agenda
February 5, 2016 at TA Truck Stop**

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting called to order at 12:09 by Co-Chair, Jeff Stoddard.

ROLL CALL: Jeff Stoddard, Roxie Roffey, Sam Lindsey, Susan Richards, John Cropper, LaDonna Burgess, Mary Peterson, Liz Tenney, Teresa Farmer, Rachel Garza, Linda _____, & Sally White. **Excused:** Kathryn Maddox, Gary Hatch & Tim Bowlby (out of town), Chief Rios (City commitment)

CALL TO PUBLIC: No Response

APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES: Approved as presented on a motion by Sam seconded by John and unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY AGENDA: Approved as amended (Bruce Tenney corrected to Tingle) passed on a motion by LaDonna, seconded by John with unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Roxy Roffey: Roxy gave current bank balances – note: summer programs still show balance of \$577.29. It was decided previously that both Halloween and Summer carry-over should be left at \$500/each; Roxy will move the \$77.29 into the regular checking account. There being no further discussion, Financial Report was approved on a motion by Jeff, seconded by LaDonna and unanimously passed.

COORDINATOR REPORT - Gary Hatch is away on family business, but he has been in touch w/Bruce Tingle: we are scheduled to provide food for Feb. 20 auction. Discussion/assignments: Considerable discussion determined that we will serve hot dogs, chips, sodas & water (we will use the remaining supplies donated from Little League, supplementing where necessary first using the Safeway Card that was donated over the summer, then general funds. We will also get donuts from Safeway for the morning. Rachel Garza volunteered to oversee the hot dog preparation as she has done this for fund raising in the past. Sam, Liz & Teresa will help in the morning, Rick in the afternoon, Gary left word to sign him up where needed, Sally will work all day, other members to help as schedules allow. Preparation will begin at 8AM at the Community Center kitchen, sales to start at 9AM at the auction. We will need to set up the WASA canopy, locate outlets, etc.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Retreat Report:** Sally presented notes from the Retreat of January 23 – discussion followed emphasizing the need to work on the areas noted: Sally will work on developing written Operational Guides as we embark on each endeavor; we need to bring youth and young adults onto our board; as part of the 5 year plan the idea of developing paid Coordinator & Assistant with Sally gradually transitioning from the first to second as we obtain sufficient funding was agreed upon – Liz expressed interest in being the Assistant at that time. It was decided that we will review the various segments of WASA one at a time so that all members are familiar with, and have the opportunity to change or update By-Laws, Mission Statement, Vision Statement, etc. Sally will get copies of the By-Laws out to all members before the next meeting so members are ready to discuss. In April we will discuss Mission Statement, etc.
- **Grant application updates** – Applications are currently out to the Legacy Foundation, Union Pacific and Cenpatico; Sally will be working on another possibility Susan has sent her regarding healthy eating (possible summer programs in healthy cooking & gardening). Brief discussion held regarding misconceptions on grant opportunities – it is important to pass any information along because opportunities will pop up but cannot be counted on to always be there, there will be spells when there is nothing available.

- **WMS Science Fair** – WASA sponsored this program by providing the facility through the City. The teacher in charge (Brandi Webster) put up “Thank you, WASA for providing and sponsoring this program” over entrances & exits which was very nice publicity.
- **Launch into Life - March** WASA will be supporting this event, be sure Sally has your name if you would like to help interview youth through this program.
- **WHS Winter formal** - WASA is providing the facility and what materials the students can find in our storeroom to support this event. It was noted that the high school students are not as into dances as they once were, but that the special events such as Homecoming, Winter Formal & Prom still create interest. Liz commented that Middle School dances at The Spring do well but not high school.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **2016 Membership & Officer Approval & Ratification/welcome new members; discuss : what sectors are under- represented; who do we need to invite to join us?** 2016 Membership List approved as presented on a motion by LaDonna, seconded by Liz and unanimously passed – we need to recruit for the missing sectors. Liz suggested that we might be able to add a WASA page to the packet that the School sends out each fall to get more parent involvement; also, as we are planning to enlarge our Sports Physicals into a full Back to School program, we could have information there as well. Jeff would like to see term limits established for the officers and announced this is his last year to serve as Co-Chair.
- **Budget Report – Mary Peterson:** Mary shared copies of a rough draft on a budget that she is working on along with Gary, Sally and Barbara Browning. It definitely helps us see where we are and what we need to work on.
- **Discussion/Decision regarding monthly meeting place:** After discussion it was concluded that although there are some problems with TA parking and prices, there are not many options in Willcox and since everyone is familiar with the meeting being held here it is probably better to continue our meetings on the first Friday of the month at TA. LaDonna reminded everyone that it would be courteous to the wait staff to at least order a drink and leave a small tip. It was also noted that being able to eat lunch during the meeting does help members who have to eat and get back to work – those who find it too expensive certainly should not feel pressured to order. Motion to maintain meeting schedule and place by LaDonna, seconded by Susan and unanimously passed.
- **Better sharing of technology;** – all members who have not previously “Liked” WASA Facebook page were encouraged to do so; John will give a media savvy presentation at next meeting and show the Web site and help any members who need assistance connecting. At the Retreat, high school student, Yasmin Boone, volunteered to help promote WASA through Twitter and other youth friendly sites.

OTHER/ROUND ROBIN: Liz would like to see WASA help the school get more involved with bully and suicide prevention – she noted hearing through her Middle School age children instances of cutting. Could we see about adding things in the handbook and possibly bringing in a good speaker?

ADJOURN: There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 1:41 on a motion by Liz, seconded by Susan.