

**Willcox Against Substance Abuse
W.A.S.A. Meeting Minutes
January, 2016 at TA Truck Stop**

CALL TO ORDER by Kathryn Maddox at 12:07 PM

ROLL CALL: Present: Kathryn Ford-Maddox, Gary Hatch, Roxie Roffey, Sally White, Sam Lindsey, Chief Jose Rios, John Cropper, LaDonna Burgess, Elizabeth Tenney, Kennedy Peterson (guest/daughter of Liz Tenney) and Richard "Rick" Majewski (Willcox PD – SRO). **Note:** Jeff Stoddard, Tim Bowlby & Susan Richards notified WASA of scheduling conflicts.

CALL TO PUBLIC: No Response

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MINUTES: Approved as presented on a motion by John Cropper, seconded by Gary Hatch and unanimous approval.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY AGENDA: Approved as presented on a motion by Gary Hatch, seconded by John Cropper and unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Roxy gave current balances and explained that she needed some additional information in order to get the full Quick-Books program up and running. Sally will get that info to her immediately. Roxy will move the amount exceeding the \$500 start-up monies from Halloween into the general account as previously approved. She has contacted Pauline Machiche regarding the CPS account and is waiting for a reply.

COORDINATOR REPORT: Gary explained that through Roxy he has learned that WASA being a 501(c)3 is exempt from having to have food-handler permits to do concession sales as long as food is prepared in a licensed kitchen and we monitor proper temperatures. Roxy will get us the printed information on that as she works with the Health Dept. He also discussed that the WASA bank balance is getting healthier and as there are some funding opportunities coming in, so that it is time to progress "up from the basic bones" that the program had by necessity been pared to in the past 3 years. He encouraged members to start considering what WASA can or should be providing for the community – this will definitely be an item for discussion at the upcoming Retreat.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Board Retreat - January 23 - Future planning ideas/directions:** Discussion followed regarding the Retreat – both Sam and Jose have conflicts and will be unable to attend. It was discussed that we had scheduled a Saturday at the request of members who felt they could not ask for the 4 hours off during a regular work day. The Retreat will be at John & Betty Petersons from 10AM until 2PM with lunch provided. Members and potential members are invited. It was suggested that we use the Big Tex gift cards we have as door prizes (possibly other items WASA may have?) to increase interest. Sally will be sending out invitations and reminders via e-mail.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Legacy Foundation:** Sally is working on a Letter of Interest for a potential grant from this foundation that looks promising. Members were invited to give input as to what should be requested. If our letter is accepted, a full application will be completed in Feb. and we should expect funding by the end of May, which would be ideal. Sally also informed the group that as she was working on this with the Legacy directors, she had become aware of an emergency fund they have that could possibly help our local

Hospice that is in dire need. She has gotten the contacts to Dan Douglas and is hoping this will work for them as their services are very much needed in our community.

- **2016 Memberships:** New forms were given to all present as we are required as a 501(c)3 to have an updated membership list each year. Sally will get forms out to any members not present by the Retreat date and notify any who do not return them that if we do not hear back we will assume they are no longer interested in serving on the Board. An updated Membership List will be on the agenda for ratification at the February Board meeting (Feb. 2, 2016).
- **Launch Into Life (High School):** WASA will not be doing a Career Fair this year. High School Principal, Jeff Thompson would like to stagger the Career Fair with an interview program known as Launch Into Life and has asked that WASA help with this program. Gary, Kathryn, Chief Rios, LaDonna, Liz Roxy and Sally also volunteered. It was suggested that Sally contact Justin Allred and Mary Peterson as well as those members not at today's meeting to help – a large number of participants will be needed.
- **Winter Formal (WHS Seniors – Feb. 19)** WASA has been asked to help with this long standing event that we have done with the Senior Class. The high school would like to do this as we did in past years, where the money from ticket sales comes to WASA and then is donated back to the Senior Class for either a year end activity or to pay for a Baccalaureate speaker. Some concern was expressed that this might be seen as a way to circumvent school finance practices. Gary will check with Superintendent Davis to be sure it is permissible to do it this way.

OTHER: Chief Rios responded to a question regarding what problems he is seeing among the youth of our area – are there more/larger problems than in the past? He feels that while there are certainly problems, most come from a “revolving door” of young people rather than the masses (noted: the vandalism at the schools over the holidays apparently came from one youth who has been arrested). He did note that while parties with alcohol and other drugs are still happening, the kids are getting better at hiding them. He did note that there appears to be a rise in responsibility in as far as most use designated drivers. **Chief Rios** also let the WASA members know that Rose Lacey has retired as SRO and is being replaced by Rick Majewski who has started some anti-bullying classes at Middle School and is establishing a presence at the High School. WASA welcomed **Officer Majewski** as an SRO and WASA member. **LaDonna** reported that she had met with our area Congressional Representative, Martha McSally recently and discussed current youth related concerns. The Representative had told her that there will be possible help coming through financial awards to the Health Department. **LaDonna** also reported that Mary Peterson has taken over St. Vincent de Paul and is giving it a much needed update. ASU donated new shelving that is being used and really helps. Also St. Vincent has a lot of coats and other very nice clothing and household items, but needs blankets and Volunteers, asking that we spread the word that this is a good community service project for young people.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 1:24 on a motion by Liz, seconded by Kathryn and unanimously approved.