

ARCH Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 11, 2009

In attendance: Jeanne Braun, Gwenn Mascioli, Claire Ryan, Sandy Arnold, Pattie Littlewood, Michele Capuano, Betsy Fadem, Joyce Videlock, Leanne Rush, Patti Ward, Roann Brown, Michele Murphy, Cara Bradley, Bonnie Lyon and Blake Dickinson.

Introductions: Introductions were made around the table

Secretary's Report: September and October meeting minutes are posted on the website. Gwenn and Ellen have started a project of looking through all of our many ARCH materials to better organize and discard outdated information.

Treasurer's Report: We currently have \$4,136.49 in our account. We will transfer \$2136.49 over to our Vanguard account leaving \$2000.00 for our working budget.

Recap of 11/4 Community Forum: We had a good turnout with approximately 54 people attending. Everyone felt there was good discussion and that we were successful in communicating the concept that there is "no right answer, every family needs to decide what's best for them". There was a suggestion that if we were to do it again, we would provide an opportunity for people to anonymously ask questions.

DARE: The DARE program has been discontinued and won't be coming back in the foreseeable future. A suggestion was made that the REACH high school students may be able to help and work with the kids in the middle schools.

Social Norming: Michele reported that Jim and Ray came to train 65 new students for the "Manifest" street team. They developed ideas and plans for updating "Manifest" with the idea of "stressing less." At homecoming they hosted their own tailgate which was well attended. They're also visiting Conestoga's academic department meetings to discuss "Mainifest" with the teachers. The "Manifest Monday" giveaway programs are expanding with new T-shirts and updates to the Mural. On November 24th at 8:07 a.m., the Freshman will attend the "Manifest" assembly that was introduced last spring. Committee members are invited to attend.

Program Committee Report: The committee will be meeting with Bob Rigby on November 30th to develop the April 7th seminar. Roann has booked the Audion at VFMS for that event. Roann has also ordered the "The Strength to Resis" video in preparation for our January meeting.

Parent Webinars: The next webinar is December 7th and the topic is Bullying and Harrassment. Members who are having trouble accessing the archived seminars should contact Ellen Moeller for assistance.

Make the Call, Take the Call: The Coalition of Youth for Lower Merion and Narberth found in a 2006 survey, 60% of 12th graders drink regularly and that 150 teens are arrested annually for driving under the influence. They began their program of "Make the call, Take the call." Students make formal contracts with a trusted adult so that if they ever found themselves in a dangerous situation they could call for a ride, no questions asked. ARCH will continue to monitor this program and informally promote the idea within our group.

Review of ARCH Infrastructure: Sarah reviewed the current ARCH goals and the primary focus areas within those goals. There was some discussion about the need to further develop a Marketing/Fundraising committee. Sarah Jean and Blake Dickinson will spearhead that project. Cara Bradley, Betsy Fadem and Sandy Arnold will work on Party Guidelines and expanding that resource for parents.

On Sunday, November 15th at Berwyn United Methodist, Jack Abel from Caron Treatment Centers will be preaching "A Biblical Family Tale" at the 8:30 and 10:30 services. In between at 9:15 a.m. he'll present "An Elephant in the Garden" - all are invited to attend.

Submitted by Leanne Miller Rush

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, December 16th, 9:00 a.m.