



ERIE COUNTY COALITION AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE ... founded 1978

The ECCAFV is a member-driven organization which engages in social change activism to dismantle the root causes of domestic violence at the individual, organizational, and institutional level. Our goal is to end domestic violence.

August 10, 2007- Meeting Minutes

Present: 28 people present

Acceptance of July 2007 minutes:

First: Gavin Kasper, Second: Robyn Wiktorski

Educational and Training Institute:

DV101 was attended by about 30 people. The presenters were Remla Parthasarathy, Greg White and Laura Grube. The presenters stated that this was the best DV 101 yet. The changes made were based on evaluations and went very well. The diversity of the people attending was "amazing". One of the people that attended made comments. The first was Amy Upham who said that she thought it was great and found information stressing the fact that it was not the victim's fault very important.

5K Run:

Betty Herberger stated the event was a success. There were 175 donors for the event. Susan Still attended and spoke. The event raised \$4500 and after expenses there was \$2000 left. A check for \$1000 was presented to the Erie County Coalition and \$1000 was presented to the DV Task Force.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month:

There will be a poetry reading on 10/13 from 6:00 – 9:00 at Spot Coffee on Delaware and a screening of the documentaries shown at the annual dinner on 10/17 from 3:00 – 5:00 at UB. We also want to bring training in this year that will give a broader analysis of domestic violence. Karen Edmond will be speaking on the oppression model. She is part of the faculty at N.U. and will give us a basic introduction to broaden our understanding. The event will be held on 10/10 at 9:30 – 12:30 and is open to accommodate 30 – 40 people. We are not sure if there will be a cost to those attending. The cost of the honorarium will be \$250.00. The board asked for a show of hands and it was unanimous. Karen made a suggestion that the event be free to the coalition members and \$5.00 to the community at large.

Advocacy Committee:

The next meeting to be held after this one. Currently there is nothing new to report.

Treasurer's Report:

- There is \$10,461.18 in the bank account. \$385.05 of these monies belongs to MDCCEA, \$911.00 belongs to LGBT for a total of \$9,220.13 belonging to the Coalition. This amount does not include the \$1000 donation check received today from Betty Herberger.

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- Currently the only person who can sign checks is Greg White. Rachel VanKoughnet has officially resigned (as of March, 2007) so we need membership approval to get William Zelazny, the new finance chair, to be able to sign the checks as well as Greg White.
- Gavin Kasper asked how many people total are allowed to sign checks and what kind of checks and balances are set up.
- Greg White replied that the ledger is devised so that 2 people sign off on it as well as the check request itself.
- There was a show of hands to approve William Zelazny as a signer on the ECCAFV bank account; the show of hands was unanimous.
- JR Drexelius made a suggestion to get make a motion the day the treasurer is elected to get membership approval to sign checks.

Updates

FJC: There is an increase in services over 1400 face to face and 4500 over the phone. The new director, Linda Ray, wanted to meet all and came to the meeting to give everyone thanks for what we have all been doing on the issue of domestic violence. She stated that her door is always open and told all not to be strangers.

CTFCAN: no report

LGBT: Funding has been received from the DOH for both the 1st and 2nd year. Both installments are for \$25,000. The organization is looking to fill a part time position at the Haven House to work on LGBT issues. This will be the first time this position has existed.

Announcements

- Robyn Wiktorski from Crisis Services gave information of the Advocate Program and to reintroduce herself. 10/2/07 will be the Men Who Cook Annual Event and Fundraiser.
- 8/31 at 10:00 at 3108 Main Street will be the American with Disabilities Bus Tour.
- 10/3 will mark the one year celebration of the FJC; the fundraiser will be held at the Harbor Club from 6:00 – 9:30.