



MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

MINUTES
August 3, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: K. Grunwald (staff), S. Baxter (staff), J. Woodmansee (staff), F. Baruzzi, R. LeClerc, MJ Newman, J. Goldman, C. Guerreri, J. Stoughton, E. Tulman, L. Dahn, L. Young, J. Higham, V. Fry, G. Bent, E. Soffer Roberts, S. Anderson, P. Braithwaite, A. Bloom

GUESTS: R. Freeman, M. Huff

REGRETS: J. Suedmyer, A. Bladen, J. Boltseridge

ITEM	DISCUSSION	OUTCOME
<p>Call to Order</p>	<p>J. Stoughton called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.</p> <p>S. Baxter introduces J. Woodmansee, her new assistant and new members Yujin Kim, Ellen Tulman and Janice Boltseridge.</p> <p>Vote on Minutes of 6/1/11.</p> <p>S. Baxter reported that her job description has been posted on the Town website and requested that members pass it along to anyone they know who might be interested. S. Baxter then advised members that the first round of candidate interviews will occur on August 22nd. The final round interviews are scheduled for August 29th with a proposed panel of Kevin, Gloria and/or Judy, Maria and Sandy. The hope is to have the new employee in place to overlap with Sandy for several weeks.</p> <p>K. Grunwald reported that the Town Planner has submitted an application for a grant for the Safe Routes to Schools Initiative which will provide for a sidewalk from Bassett's Bridge Road to Southeast School. A. Bloom added that this grant was initiated by F. Baruzzi and that the award is \$500,000. She also noted that MAC is identified in the grant as a support partner.</p> <p>S. Baxter reported that a RBA seminar is scheduled for September 13th and 14th.</p>	<p><i><u>Motion:</u></i> <i>J. Higham moves to approve the 6/1/11 minutes as presented. E. Soffer-Roberts seconds and the motion passes unanimously</i></p> <p>Members interested in participating on the interview panel are requested to contact Sandy with their availability.</p> <p>MAC's Support Partner responsibility is around developing an incentive program for children at S.E. to use the 'safe routes'.</p> <p>Anyone interested in attending should contact S. Baxter.</p>
<p>Follow Up</p>	<p>G. Bent passed out a questionnaire for members to anonymously complete regarding satisfaction at the conclusion of MAC meetings. She noted that while the co-chairs are open to the idea of</p>	<p>The membership agreed that the meeting times and frequency will remain as scheduled and the issue re-visited in December, 2011, with the stipulation that the full MAC meetings adjourn promptly at</p>

	<p>changing the meeting frequency and times it is their suggestion that during this time of transition, the meeting times and frequency remain the same and that this issue will be reviewed in December, 2011.</p> <p>G. Bent facilitated discussion on how best to effectively utilize the hour of the full MAC meeting.</p>	<p>7:30pm and that the meetings are set according to the academic year.</p> <p>The membership agreed that the Executive Council should consider meeting two (2) weeks after the full MAC meeting (effective in September, 2011) and that in an effort to solicit issues to be addressed by the whole MAC group, minutes from the Executive Council be due to the entire membership no more than one (1) week following the meeting.</p>
Updates	<p>K. Grunwald provided an update regarding the Action Institute: Implementing Policy & Environmental changes to Reduce the Risk of Cancer and Chronic Disease which will be held on August 31st at the Bishop Conference Center at UConn. Keynote speaker is Mark Fenton and space is available if members are interested in attending.</p> <p>K. Grunwald discussed the meeting the Executive Council had with Danny Briere. Mr. Briere is currently working with E.O. Smith on developing a social networking model and would like MAC involved in providing information regarding children birth to 8. Some of the challenges discussed include getting individuals to sign-up and finding the manpower to administrate the program.</p>	<p>Contact K. Grunwald if you are interested in attending contact A. Bloom.</p> <p>Scholarships are available for this event; people interested in getting a scholarship must register first. Considerations will be based on number of scholarships requested and money available for scholarships.</p> <p>No action is required at this time. Awaiting further information from Danny Briere.</p>
Playground	<p>S. Anderson reported that the Committee is close to choosing a company to design the playground. The site will be by the Community Center although the exact location is not yet determined. The time line for the playground remains at two (2) years. The Committee will meet on August 5th to finalize plans for advertising and fundraising at the beginning of the school year.</p>	
Co-Chairs Recruitment	<p>S. Baxter suggested that a search committee be formed for the three (3) year term of chair or co-chairs.</p>	<p>S. Baxter will confirm that the current co-chair terms are up in September, 2012.</p> <p>Formulation of a search committee is tabled until January, 2012.</p>
Sandy's Job Description	<p>S. Baxter noted that the posting for her job is on the town's website, as well as, Eastern School or Soc. Work and Early Childhood, UCONN School of Social Work and Early Childhood, and on the Graustein Listserve.</p>	
Announcements	<p>G. Bent reminded the membership to take home the sheet regarding performance measures in preparation for the September meeting.</p>	

Adjournment/ Next Meeting	Next Executive Council meeting August 10, 2011 at 1:15 in B. Next MAC meeting on <u>Wednesday, September 7, 2011, Town Hall –Council Chambers at:</u> <u>5:00PM</u> Team meetings <u>6:30PM</u> full MAC meeting Agenda topics: please send to Sandy	
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