

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP**  
**FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES/MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE**  
**MARCH 7, 2016 MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Gloria Goode, Josh Aronovitch, John DiPietro, Brooke Morett, Drew Jackson, Sandy Conlin, Eileen Lucarini, Virginia Rossi, Toby Haley, Donna Rullo

**ABSENT:** Mayor Wallace, Pat Madden, Randee Davidson, Diane Stevens, Shawnequa Carvalho

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM by Josh Aronovitch.

The minutes from the January 11, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Brooke Morret made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Drew Jackson. All voted and approved.

**REVIEW MEETING DATES FOR 2016:** May 2, September 12 & November 7.

**MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COORDINATOR'S REPORT:** Mrs. Conlin reported on current and upcoming activities. Kindergarten classes in Thomas Jefferson, Whitman and the Early Childhood Center will have a presentation by "Gizo the Robot". The Caron Foundation continues to provide an after school group for 5<sup>th</sup> graders who are dealing with anxiety. For high school students our Municipal Alliance helps to fund a Grief & Loss group. Mrs. Conlin asked for suggestions for assemblies for the middle school and high school to be held in October. Mr. Aronovitch suggested "Steered Straight" presented by Mike DeLeon. Mr. Deleon also does a presentation for elementary school students. A luncheon for the senior citizens is planned for March 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Washington Township Senior Center with a presentation on awareness of Scams. The free presentation will be sponsored by the NJ Department of Community Affairs. Mayor Wallace, Josh Aronovitch and Gloria Goode will attend the event.

Eileen Lucarini will be working on developing short vignettes with students that address a variety of topics that teenagers are facing. The idea involves making presentations to different school groups. Josh asked Eileen to develop a budget that the MAC Sub-committee could review for funding.

**MOTHER'S CUPBOARD:** Mr. Jackson reported on donations and activities. The two Starbucks in Wash. Twp. have donated pastries. WaWa has given breakfast sandwiches, Target has given produce, dairy & eggs and Valentine candy. More than 30 families utilized Mother's Cupboard in recent weeks. There are plans to open one night per week.

**SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**INTER-FAITH COUNCIL:** Toby Haley reported on the meeting for the **Inter-Faith Council**. The purpose is to bring clergy and lay leaders together to share information and resources.

**RESOURCES/SERVICES/WEBSITE:** Gloria Goode proposed hiring Alicia Melson, who has been volunteering her services in the office. She will be working Wednesdays and Thursdays for 2 hrs. each day for \$12.00 per hour. The funds will be from our Trust Fund account. Drew made a motion to accept the proposal to hire Alicia, it was seconded by Sandy Conlin. All voted and approved. The website will be

updated by Denise Kowalski in the near future. Gloria will meet with Denise and Alicia to review how to make the WTFCS/MAC link more user friendly.

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOYS & GIRLS CLUB:** Mr. Aronovitch reported that he, Gloria Goode and Mayor Wallace had a meeting today with Robert Taylor, the Boys & Girls Club Executive Director and Joe Bollendorf, Superintendent of WT Schools, pertaining to starting a Boys & Girls Club in the township. Orchard Valley Middle School has been targeted for a Pilot program. Mr. Bollendorf will facilitate a meeting with the principal of Orchard Valley. Possible permanent club locations were discussed. A possibility would be the Community Activity Center building. The building is in need of much repair. Mayor Wallace will set up a time to tour the building with Mr. Taylor. Mr. DiPietro suggested a building in the township which had been used by "Endeavor" it has been vacant for 7 years.

**SUPER SATURDAY:** No Report. All purchase orders need to be shown to Mrs. Conlin before processing for budgeting purposes.

**SUB-COMMITTEE:** Mr. Aronovitch proposed forming a sub-committee to meet with school counselors to reach out to families in need. Toby Haley, Brooke Morett, Gloria Goode and Josh Aronovitch will form this committee.

**ADJOURNED:** The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

**NEXT MEETING: May 2, 2016 - 6:00 PM**

Submitted by: Donna Rullo, Secretary