

Safe Takoma board meeting, August 13, 2009

Faith Wheeler, Andy Kelemen, Seth Grimes in attendance. Clemonce DuVall not present. Board candidates Rasheda Abney and Holly Maassarani joined the latter part of the meeting.

1) Discussed end of Takoma Park, MD grant agreement.

Andy provided copies of the July, 2009 bank statements plus checks cleared in early August. Seth will update the financial balances and compute a final Takoma Park, MD funding balance, and Andy will write a check to refund unspent funds.

The TP-MD payment for the most recent conflict resolution workshop was budgeted and committed at \$400.

2) Discussed the conflict-resolution workshop taking place at Coolidge High School:

a) Attendees are junior counselors in a Coolidge Alumni Association Summer Youth Program. Prior to the workshop, they had been staying daily until 3 pm. It proved impossible to keep them to 5 pm, even though they had been aware of that end time and even though they would fall short of the 40 hours required for HIPP facilitation certification. We discussed pro-rating the agreed \$50 completion bonus for the 30 hours actually attended.

b) We had agreed to complement the two assistant facilitators' pay to bring it to \$15/hour. Safe Takoma will honor this agreement, paying them for hours worked at \$7.45/hour: one for 30 hours, the other for 24 hours.

c) Faith reported that Rasheda has provided invaluable assistance beyond the two mornings (10 hours) we had agreed to hire her for at \$15/hour. We discussed asking her what she'd be looking for by way of pay beyond the 10 hours (\$150) hours originally arranged. We agreed that offering at \$150 stipend in addition to the \$150 pay would work.

-- At some point here, board candidates Rasheda Abney and Holly Maassarani joined the meeting. --

3) Discussed the planned September conflict-resolution workshop for Metropolitan Police Department sworn officers and staff.

a) Faith reported that MPD participants in the July workshop thought that it would be best to hold the September workshop at other than an MPD facility and to have a mix of MPD with non-MPD participants, that this would enhance the "level of trust."

b) We will do outreach to identify potential non-MPD participants and potential venues before getting back to the MPD. It was our feeling that since we are offering the course, we have design discretion.

4) Discussed Safe Takoma -- mission, history, programs, operations, etc. -- with board candidates Rasheda Abney and Holly Maassarani, who spoke about their own backgrounds, interests, and availability.

a) Seth, as Safe Takoma president, appointed Holly and Rasheda to the board, to be confirmed by vote of current board members at the next board meeting.

- b) Faith will continue outreach to other, potential board candidates such as Lisa Adams.
- 5) We will plan a stakeholders/advisory/programming meeting for September or October.
- 6) The next board meeting will take place Thursday September 3 at a place and time to be arranged.

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After the end of the board meeting, Faith, Holly, and Rasheda stayed and talked about the Coolidge CR workshop. Faith wrote, "We're concerned about the misunderstanding and the unmet expectations, and so brainstormed some ideas for helping to improve the situation. We came up with the idea of giving the participants something for having completed the 30-hour Workshop. The 'something' is a koosh ball each."