

Safe Takoma board meeting

October 8, 2009, 5 pm, at the Drifting Nomad

Rasheda, Holly, Faith, Seth

### ***Finances***

Went over financial balances. The current financial spreadsheet is on-line (<http://safetakoma.org/Documents.html>). Balances are:

Washington DC	\$7,401.71
Takoma Park MD	\$0.00
Safe Silver Spring	\$916.91
independent	\$2,260.83

Faith thinks Andy may have overpaid her reimbursement request and will check. Rasheda is now signer on bank account.

Regarding DC FY10 funding, Faith suspects we wouldn't get more than half of \$75,000 requested due to DC budget pressures.

Bank statements now go to the post office box. Seth will ask Sara about P.O. Box key.

### ***Board recruiting***

Faith has two board candidates. They need more notice to attend a meeting, one can meet only in evening: Shannon Cockett, former training director of MPD, Sharvel Becton. Shannon is more likely to be an advisory candidate, as would Carol Clem, who attended the July CR workshop.

Holly needs to follow up with Gretchen Hilburger.

Holly asked, What are we looking for in board members: run programs, vision & direction, advisory, fund raising?

Faith: Would like to engage someone to help with operations. Seth: This allows board members to take a higher-level view.

Seth: Regarding programming, an example where we don't create our own is work in schools, where we seek to enhance existing programs.

### ***November conflict-resolution training***

The board is agreed to offer November 7-11 5-day facilitator training. The budget of \$7,000 per e-mail from Faith; this includes \$1,500 for food.

Location: Diane Kelly responded, Montgomery College is available, two afternoons in another room.

Recruiting: Sharon Vaughn-Roach, Lisa Tapp. Anyone connected to Takoma DC can attend, or advisors, for no fee (covered by the DC grant); others would pay \$400/adult.

Holly: Good to invite Gregory Harris.

Faith: Frank Jones is interested, so is Jim Proctor. Met principal of Coolidge yesterday, Thelma ?.

The board had discussed cancellation with a decision two-weeks before. Holly: We should tell people they need to decide. That would be October 24. The board agreed: We must have nine people confirmed by then or we will cancel.

Holly: Outside two weeks, pay only nonrefundable travel costs, between and two weeks, we pay half-payment of fee for cancellation plus nonrefundable travel, inside of one week, we pay full. The board will decide on go-ahead two weeks before and revisit the decision one week before.

### ***Programming at/with schools***

At the Coolidge Alumni Association breakfast, Faith, Holly, Rasheda will see about setting a meeting with Frank Jones to talk about youth programming at Coolidge, or they will talk at breakfast and work something out.

Takoma Educational Center: Faith will arrange a meeting and introduce Holly and Rasheda.

Takoma Park Middle School: Seth has found parent/PTA contacts, but there wasn't time to get in a Takoma Park grant application. Seth will find out about the possibility of a late grant application, and we will aim to apply for the second funding cycle if not now.

### ***Neighborhood programming***

The board agreed to try to organize another whistle event at the Metro station?

Faith had exchanged e-mail with Chante Brodie at MPD. Lt. Turner was supposedly going to distribute something on the Metro station plaza. Seth will follow-up and refer, in contacting Lt. Turner, to a meeting Faith had that involved also Capt. Wheedon & sergeants. Seth had spoken to Chief Ricucci, who expressed his support, at the Takoma Park Street Festival.

### ***Community conferencing***

Holly will think about what a Takoma Park program would look like and make a decision based on grant deadline. Seth noted that this is something we could ask Maryland state funding form, from the Government Office of Community Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP).