

Safe Takoma

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Funds Expended

Washington DC, prior expenditures: \$29,898.52

Washington DC, current month expenditures: \$2,831.72

Washington DC, unreimbursed expenses (liabilities): \$24.00

Takoma Park MD, prior expenditures: \$25,398.47

Takoma Park MD, current month expenditures: \$2,831.73

Takoma Park MD, unreimbursed expenses (liabilities): \$16.00

Funding Balances (January 31, 2009)

Washington DC funding balance: \$42,245.76

Takoma Park MD funding balance: \$46,753.80

Status

The Safe Takoma program undertook the following organizational and programming steps in December 2008.

- Board meeting held 1/8/09 at 4pm. Items discussed:
 - 1) Conflict Resolution training – Faith to develop write up and finalize dates.
 - 2) Pre-Apprenticeship – recruiting possibilities: high school counselors, churches, rec centers, CASA, other community members and organizations. Sara will also write a press release to announce program.
 - 3) Policing Issues Mini Forum/Conference – goal is to encourage police and community engagement. Andy suggested a luncheon etc. It was decided that we would meet with the 3 departments first then decide next steps.
- Outreach efforts conducted to 9 area churches to introduce Safe Takoma's mission and initiatives. Four positive responses received. They expressed interest in learning more, assisting with youth and safety programming recruitment, as well as possibly partnering in activities.
- Meeting with all three police departments (MD, DC and WMATA) to address safety concerns expressed by respondents of the Safety Perceptions Survey have been scheduled for February 17, 2009.
- Continued attendance and participation in CTC Ward 4 Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition and Coolidge Truancy Task Force.

- Seth Grimes participated in organizing efforts for a Silver Spring crime summit to be held in the spring.
- Continued research on funding sources. Possible resources contacted, some referrals received and follow up conducted. Also registered with agencies that provide RFP announcements.
- Worked with SunTrust to resolve a discrepancy in the payment of Maryland unemployment insurance charges.
- Programming:

Conflict Resolution Training dates finalized for April 17-18 and 24-25. Recruitment efforts under way.

Rites of Passage program continued at DC Dept. of Parks and Rec. Attendance has dropped to 10 as two of the participants have moved out of the area. Participants continue to be engaging and enjoy the sessions.

Pre-Apprenticeship plan, curriculum and dates have been finalized. Meeting held with community members to discuss program and recruitment ideas. All that attended have volunteered to assist with recruitment. Six week Employment Readiness program scheduled to begin March 23, 2009 and run through April 30, 2009. Pre-apprenticeship program will begin on May 11, 2009 and end June 20, 2009. Recruitment under way; interest meeting planned for February 18, 2009.

Community Outreach: Discussed providing support for neighborhood patrols in the SS Carroll neighborhood of Takoma Park, MD with Laurie Kelley and Kay Daniels-Cohen.

- Meetings attended:
 - Meeting held with TPMD Community Center staff Debra Haiduven and new Teen Coordinator Faye Wright to discuss RoP program on Thursday 1/8/09. Interest was expressed, but they asked we consider the following:
 - 1) Give Faye a chance to get acclimated with her new position and the kids.
 - 2) The program takes place during their next program cycle – April thru June. Preferably on Tuesdays or Thursdays.
 - 3) That we assist with recruiting participants. Debra suggested once the teens get adjusted to Faye that I stop by the rec center in order for the kids to get to know me which would hopefully encourage their participation.
 - 4) That the weekly sessions include both girls and boys together (not separate sessions for each).
 - 5) We develop an incentive for the kids to participate.
 - Youth Programming meeting conducted on January 22, 2009 to discuss plans for Employment Readiness and Pre-Apprenticeship programs.
 - Met with Carolyn Wood of Washington Theological Union on January 29, 2009 to discuss possibility of renting space for Employment Readiness program. They can definitely rent the space at a discounted rate. Follow up meeting to finalize dates and cost to occur.

February 2009 Plans

- Conduct Neighborhood Safety Assessment of the Takoma DC east side and conduct Takoma DC lighting reviews. Prepare findings and follow-up to request action where appropriate.
- Conduct pre-apprenticeship program recruitment, hold interest meeting, finalize rental of space at Washington Theological Union and meet with Tom Barrett of Carpentry school to finalize program details/requirements.
- Conduct mini summit with police departments on February 17th.
- Meet with CSAFE staff to discuss possible collaboration ideas.
- Continue fundraising efforts and begin application process for appropriate grants.
- Begin coordination of Whistle Giveaway scheduled for April; purchase necessary supplies.
- Continue outreach efforts.
- Coordinate Advisory meeting for March.
- Carry out regular planning, administrative, and reporting tasks.