



Sept. 9, 2009

Minutes

- I. **Welcome Back!** Present: Susan Huddart, Ann Jacobs, Amy Gage, Katie Monteil, Val Colombo, John Zlatic, Korey Golcynski, Matt Jacobson, Christina Perrino, Lisa Avery, and Anne Wilding. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Amy Gage, our new representative from Meramec and to Korey Golcynski, Clayton Police Officer who replaced Jim O'Brien. We are so happy to have you with us!

II. **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Clayton Shaw Park Open Tennis Tournament was Aug. 25-30.**

A. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! To Susie Luten, Lisa McKinley, and Wendy Bell for assisting me with the tournament. Susie served as the referee for the tournament from Tuesday night through Sunday afternoon! What a huge gift to the Alliance! Lisa and Wendy provided some much needed breaks and company for us. WE also would like to express our gratitude to the City of Clayton for their continued support for the tournament by donating the tennis courts!

B. Tribute to Jackie Levine

Jackie has been instrumental in the success of our tennis tournament for 15 years. She and her sons played in our tournament as well as Clayton High School tennis. The Community Alliance provided an 11 by 14 framed photo of Jackie dedicating the tournament to her. Jackie's husband, son, sisters and Mom came to the tournament and were very touched. We gave the framed photo to her husband, Alvah to keep until next year's tournament when we will display it again.

Anne will ask the Clayton Parks and Recreation Department about displaying Jackie's photo permanently in the tennis shop.

Anne will also give Christina photos and information about the tournament and the tribute to Jackie in hopes of including a story in district communications.

C. We had a very successful tournament. We had about 14 fewer players than last year but attendance is down for all the tournaments. We had a few big upsets with an unseeded Clayton student beating the number one seed from IL. We had nice size draws for Boys 14 and 16. Our parent /child doubles is always a favorite with families. One Clayton family had a son who won Boys 10, another 14-year-old son who won Boys 18. Their Dad played Men's singles, Parent/Child doubles with the 10 year old and Men's doubles with the 14 year old.

D. Finances

1. Income	\$1,775.00
Registration Fees:	\$1,665.00
Tennis Link	\$1,470.00
Cash	\$195.00
Used balls	\$45.00
One case of unused balls	\$65.00

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| 2. Expenses \$445.00         |                                 |
| 4 cases of balls             | \$280.00                        |
| 20 trophies                  | \$130.00 (Have 9 left) \$130.00 |
| Sanction Fee                 | \$35.00                         |
| <b>3. Profit: \$1,330.00</b> |                                 |

#### E. Next Year

We are excited about a rule change this year allowing girls who are currently playing high school tennis to play in tournaments like ours. Susie will work with area high schools encouraging their girls to play in our tournament. This will increase our number of players and profit considerably next year.

Other ways we could increase our profit is by doing an ad book, having a BBQ one night, or raffling off a tennis related item each day of the tournament. If you are interested in working on any of these ideas, please contact Anne.

### III. Mailing to Parents – mailed to every Clayton family. See attached.

- A. Information about the Community Alliance
- B. Local experts share what they wish every parent knew.
  - Lucy Carr – Clayton School psychologist
  - Marian McCord, CHADS Coalition – mental illness and suicide prevention
- C. GGC and SCT registration information
- D. Neighborhood Coffee information.
- E. Thank you Christina for your help!!!

### IV. Plans for 2009-2010

- A. Ideas to bring more people to our table.
  - We would like for every school to have at least one parent at our meetings.
  - We would like to see more representation from counseling staff and Parks and Recreation.
  - We would also like to reach out to the business, medical and faith communities.
  - Please invite people you know to join us. They may want to come to meetings or just be on our e-mail list and participate in projects as they can.
- B. Funding Ideas – Keep an eye out for simple funding ideas/ grant opportunities that we could take advantage of. As our grant funds are cut along with the Safe and Drug Free Schools grant, it is important for us to take advantage of building our resources when we can.
- C. Neighborhood Coffees. The materials are ready to go. Contact Anne if you would like to host a coffee or for more information.
- D. Parent Forums
  - 1. WMS/CHS

John Zlatic teaches two classes to CHS students: one focuses on alcohol and other drugs and the other focuses on Internet safety. John would like to reach out to our families with this information as well by doing a presentation for parents.

We decided to offer a 2-part presentation in February. John do two back-to-back presentations on alcohol and other drugs - one for WMS parents and one for CHS parents. He will contact Joe Laramie with the STL County Police Dept. about doing

the same thing on Internet safety. Anne and Val will work on obtaining handouts including information about Spring break.

2. Our second Parent Forum will be similar to our Safe Summer Fun forum last year and focus on elementary parents. It will be held at one of the elementary schools in March. We will consider having it around noon.

E. Parents Page Question

How do you help your child navigate their social world? How important is it to be “popular”? How does being “popular” or wanting to be “popular” influence the decisions they make?

For students: Tell us about being “popular” at CHS. Is it important? What makes a student “popular”? How does being “popular” or wanting to be “popular” influence students’ decisions?

F. WMS Social Activities – Lisa Avery

1. A huge thank you to our grade level chairs! Welcome Jamie Marvel who will coordinate the 6<sup>th</sup> grade activities. Lori Zimmerman is back again this year to do the 7<sup>th</sup> grade activities and Lisa will chair the 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities and continue in her 5<sup>th</sup> year as Chair of the entire committee with help from Dorothy Kelly at WMS and Ann Jacobs and the Clayton Parks and Recreation Dept. Thank you Lisa!!

2. Activities Planned:

➤ 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Fall: Bowling at Tropicana Oct. 14 from 3:30 – 5:30

Winter: Broomball in Jan. at Shaw Park

Spring: Lock In with 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Center of Clayton

➤ 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Fall: City Museum

Winter: Ice skating at Shaw Park or Roller Skating at Skateport

Spring: Lock In at Center of Clayton

➤ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Fall: Halloween Dance at CHS or Shaw Park

Winter: Taste of St. Louis Mixer with St. Louis food, games, music, gym etc.

Spring: BBQ in April

G. Peers Protecting Peers – First meeting Sept. 17. New co-sponsor: Laurie Shulte, Learning Center teacher.

E. Bring your ideas for new goals/projects.

## V. MO Prevention Assistance Grant

A. Plan for 2009-2010

1. Guiding Good Choices (GGC) early fall class has 21 parents registered. The class takes place on Sept. 14 and 21 and Oct. 5, 19, and 26 from 6:15-8:00 p.m. at the Family Center. Jani Holyan and Katie Monteil will teach the classes. Anne facilitates the process. We have 3 CHS students doing childcare. Parents paid \$25 for the class this session to help defray some of the costs.
2. Staying Connected with Your Teen - Parents can sign up now and get the book and DVD to watch at their convenience. We will gather on Nov. 2 and 16 to discuss the material. Jani Holyan and Anne Wilding facilitate these discussions.

B. 09-10 Funding was just released. The grant is for a maximum of \$5,000 and is due to NCADA on Oct. 15 and to ACT Missouri on Oct. 23. Grants will be awarded on Nov. 12 for programs implemented between Dec. 1, 2009 and Sept. 31, 2010. The funds are to be used to “prevent alcohol use, drug use and risky behaviors in youth ages 10-24. It may not be used to support one-time events except those that are tied to larger, ongoing efforts.” We must use the “Strategic Prevention Framework and research based prevention strategies to develop, implement, and evaluate activities/approaches to addressing community level change.” The funding requirements are simpler than previous years. Anne will look in to possible options and e-mail them to Alliance members for comments. If you have any idea for the grant funds, please contact Anne right away. We will approve the grant proposal at our Oct. 1 meeting.

#### **VI. CHS Presentation on Drinking/Driving on Sept. 14 at 10:00 in the Auditorium**

Attorney General Chris Koster heard a presentation by Brandon Silveria on the perils of drinking and driving. He was so impressed that he made the decision to bring it to schools in St. Louis. He specifically requested Clayton High School. On September 14, we will be hosting Brandon Silveria and his father as they talk to our 9th and 10th graders about drinking and driving. Attorney General Koster will introduce the speakers. Link to information about the presentation: <http://www.centurycouncil.org/stop-underage-drinking/initiatives/brandontellshistory>

VII. CHADS Coalition Training with CHS staff – Sept. 4. Anne shared handouts from the CHADS presentation. They are having a fundraiser on Sept. 20. It is a 10K, 5K run and 3K, 1-mile walk at Tower Grove Park at 8:00 a.m. See attached flyer for more information.

#### **VIII. NCADA Updates**

See [www.ncada-stl.org](http://www.ncada-stl.org) for more information.

Thank you!!