



January 9, 2010 Meeting Notes

Members met at the Daphne Civic Center on Saturday, January 9, 2010, at 10:00 am. Special speakers that day were Ronny Champion, Captain, and Ken Lassiter, Treasurer, with the Daphne Search and Rescue Squad. They spoke on their volunteer services (for which they are not paid) and operations, displaying equipment they use for searches in water. Their website is <http://daphnesar.org/>.

Members brought hygiene products for the Lighthouse/Baldwin County Family Violence Shelter. The Lighthouse offers direct services to adult female victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and their families. These services include safe shelter, 24-hour crisis lines, crisis counseling, individual counseling and support groups, victim advocacy, school programs, and community education. (<http://www.abeacon.org/>)

Fundraising update. The deadline for all donations is March 20 at the YGAB meeting. The individual **minimum** goal is \$250. Members are given points for bringing money to the January, February and March meetings which goes toward the Mister and Miss YGAB of the Year award. Members are encouraged to bring at least \$50 to the January meeting, \$100 at February's meeting and \$100 at March's meeting. Members were given copies of the **newsletter sponsorship form** as well to aid in fundraising. Businesses can place an ad in the YGAB newsletter for only \$100. This form is on the YGAB website which you can download and print.

YGAB Membership. Members were encouraged to be careful about prioritizing their activities and not missing more than 3 YGAB meetings. Five YGAB members have already been dismissed due to lack of attendance and interest. Two more are at risk.

YGAB Mission Statement. Members were asked to repeat the mission statement and to memorize it.

Youth Against Violence. Ms. Phillips distributed information from the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation in Tacoma, Washington on activities their youth and staff have implemented in addressing crime prevention among youth. These activities were prompted by a shooting in their town. They are bringing together representatives from all sectors of the community to learn why youth get involved in crime and developed ways to deter crime.

2010 Grant Initiative. Members were congratulated for forming a very needed grant initiative. Ms. Phillips reviewed the Request for Proposals (RFP) which was emailed to nonprofits in Mobile and Baldwin Counties and placed in newspapers. The RFP is on the website. Members should read it and be very familiar with it. The deadline for applications is February 1. Ms. Phillips will place all applications on the website by the second week of February, but **members should begin checking the website the last week of January.** Members can review applications by going to the YGAB page, scroll

to the bottom right, type in the *username* and *password*. Please contact Ms. Phillips or Melissa to get the username and password if you don't already have them. You may print any part of the applications. **NO ONE OUTSIDE YGAB MAY READ THEM. ALL INFORMATION IS CONFIDENTIAL AND SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH NONMEMBERS.**

You will have five weeks to review applications. We may receive 20-30. Pace yourself by reading 5/week. **You should read all of them by our next meeting on February 27.**

Members received and reviewed a copy of the Grant Application (which is on the website). Members should be familiar with it, particularly with the narrative outline and what information is asked of applicants.

Evaluating Organizations and Proposals. Members were given information on how to review applications with the handout "*YGAB Grant Application Review process.*" **Please study this information now** (on website). Members will use a score sheet (on website) when reviewing applications together in February. However, please review it now before you read the online applications so you will know what to look for. Make sure to take notes as you read, noting the strengths and weaknesses.

Ms. Phillips talked about the importance of members revealing any conflict of interest with any applicant (read "*Do you have a conflict of interest?*" on website). This conflict exists if you or a member of your family is employed by or is a member of the applicant. The main question each one should consider is, will you benefit from this applicant receiving a grant?

All members should read all proposal narratives on the website before the February 27 meeting.

Debate. Members participated in a debate by dividing into two teams and, after reviewing the same 2 old proposals, deliberated on which proposals should receive a grant using the score sheet. Teams tallied scores and reported to the group and Directors on who they would and would not recommend for a grant with reasons. In the end both teams presented the same recommendations of only one organization receiving a grant. This exercise reinforced skills of analytical reasoning that will be needed when reviewing applications.

Service Project

Members are asked to bring animal food and products for a local animal shelter.

Next Meeting

February 27, 10 am to 3 pm at CFSA. Lunch will be provided. Bring all your review notes on the applications.