



Newsletter

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THE NEWSLETTER IS CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF BECOMING USER FRIENDLY BY MAKING CHANGES IN THE PROGRAM IN WHICH IT IS SENT TO MEMBERS. PLEASE BE PATIENT WHILE THESE CHANGES ARE TAKING PLACE, WE HOPE TO HAVE IT FLOWING SMOOTHLY BY THE FIRST OF AUGUST.

Minutes approved as presented at the June 2006 meeting.

President Robert Miles reported on the events of state conference in Corpus Christi. His speech was well received. He has been asked to take it to the national legislative conference in Washington, D.C. He spoke about the next state conference, the 33rd annual in San Antonio at the Omni Hotel June 21-23, 2007. This conference is in central San Antonio, five minutes from Six Flags Fiesta Texas and fifteen minutes from the River Walk and the historic Alamo. You can enjoy three days before, during and after conference the low rate of \$95.00. Mark your calendar now to enjoy and earn your CEU credits.

He reminded us of quarterly training Friday August 4, 2006 from 9-12 at Hugley Hospital. This is free to FWTAAP members. It is based on the Book, Critical Conversation Tools for Talking When the Stakes are High by Kerry Patterson, Joseph Cerenney, Ron McMillian and Al Switzler.

Robert presented information from Eric Niedermayer, Executive Director of Tarrant Council on the subject of funding for substance abuse prevention and treatment. Eric suggested that we call and visit our state senator and representatives with a request to double the spending in Texas from 27 to \$54 million in the next session. Eric reminds us: bigger better jails do not address the cause of Texas families suffering from this horrible disease. The solution is education and treatment. Please make the call.

Robert called upon Political Action Participants and conference attendees to come forward and report on their generous work at conference selling raffle tickets to support lobbying efforts. Their efforts raised \$1,700 at conference. Money is needed by December 1, 2006 to bring the message to lawmakers of the need to bring Texas from the bottom of the list of state spending on treatment from 48 nationally. They presented each person with a Political action card and collected and additional \$110.00 from members present at the meeting. Robert praised the efforts of Liz Wills, Danny Jordan, Kelly Burdick and Lisa Hiram -Atkinson. Be looking for a letter on this important program for chance to contribute.

Pat Greer President elect of NAADAC was introduced. She has been Texas state conference chair, and state president. We are happy to have her as an honored guest. She announced the Houston Chapter of TAAP Spectrum Annual Conference at the DoubleTree -Houston Bush International Airport on September 29- October 1, 2006. Go to the website www.spectrum2006.com for more information.

Tricia Hanson reported 250 plus guest at the past Metamorphosis conference this past spring and no complaints. She also reported briefly the plans for a bigger conference next spring in a new location.

Paula Shockey requested speakers for August and October. If any of you would like to present or know someone to ask please let her know.

A thank-you note was read to the audience from Aaron Rubin scholarship winner Renita Norwood.

Special guest acknowledged were Cindy Royster: Summer Sky, Randy Martin: Pride Institute, and Pat Greer President Elect of NAADAC.

Program presented by David Mills. LCDC Titled: "REBT and Addiction". One (1) hour CEU credit was awarded to all present and signed in.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

- 1) Thanks to all who so generously gave to the Political Action Fund for our united efforts in the up-coming 80th Texas Legislative Session. \$210 was given at our June meeting.
- 2) The Metamorphosis 2007 Committee would like to officially announce the location of our 20th Anniversary location. The American Airlines Training Center is located at Hwy 360 and Hwy 183. The dates will be April 12, 13, and 14 2007.
- 3) Plans are moving ahead for September Recovery Month: This effort of County wide proclamation will be announced by Tarrant County Challenge shortly. Last year several of our Chapter and the Tarrant County Challenge read the proclamation at the various City Council meetings during the month of September.
- 4) At the State level, the Texas Association of Addiction Professionals 80th Session Legislative Advocacy Day in February 2007 is under way. As soon as the final dates and the hotel location are announced we will begin our planning for the Fort Worth Chapter to lead the way.

CEU Opportunities

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| July 26 th | Importance of Networking for Intervention/Prevention |
| Aug 23 rd | Depression and the Heart: How it affects Substance Abusers |
| Sep 27 th | Presenters from TWC (more details to follow) |

Job openings:

6 positions available: Blue Mound State Prison 4700 Blue Mound Road near Saginaw. Call Robert Miles for details: 817- 265-4122

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Cannon Recording Secretary