

**Eaton Rapids Asset Building in our Community
Minutes for April 8, 2008**

Members attending:

Gary Vittoz Claudia Brown
Barb Crockett Mary Frazier
Ron Byerly Jan McRee
Roger Nelson Karen Abrahamson
Doug Mulkey (new member)

Jan McRee opened the meeting with prayer.

Old Business:

Claudia Brown, Ron Byerly and Karen Abrahamson all shared their observations from the Town Hall meeting sponsored by ERASE (Eaton Rapids Alliance for Substance Abuse Elimination), which they attended. ERASE's goal is to address the problem of underage use of alcohol and other harmful substances. This is a community problem and it will take the entire community to solve it.

ERASE will be meeting a week from today, April 15, at 5:15 p.m. at the Public Service building. Any ABC member who is interested; we will be attending this meeting to show support, and find out ways we can help their efforts.

Roger and Karen are working on the Resource/Community Room project that has been on our agenda for quite a while, and they see these rooms as a way to also address the issues of substance abuse, more in later reports from their committee.

Dee has updated the timeline for Project "Write-On", check this out on our website. Refreshments and decorations are on tract for the conclusion celebration for Write On, on May 4 at the Eaton Rapids Public Library.

Strut-Your-Stuff CD's are not available through Mike. Check out this week's news article.

New Business:

We have a table of 8 filled to attend the Chamber dinner which will include the following;

Ed and Jan McRee Mary Minnich Frazier
Dee Cassidy Ashleigh Bleisner
Pat Barnstead (Ashleigh's Mother) Jordan and Kathy Odel

Roger is working on a letter to civic groups introducing ABC, and inviting them to share with us what their focus' may be and how we may work together.

Karen passed out "encouragement" business cards that members can use. If you need more of these, contact Karen at 663-2744, or at Abrahamson@aol.com.

Our meeting was adjourned at 5:15
Our next meeting will be on April 22, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Abrahamson
Acting secretary.