

ASSET BUILDING IN OUR COMMUNITY (ABC)
Board Meeting Minutes - October 28, 2008

Present: Mike, Dianne, Ron, Gary, Mary & Roger

Agenda: Used 10/14 Agenda, focus on *Community Resource Room*

Community Room...

Mary shared an article about the importance of “*mentoring..*” can help address a youth’s emotional problems. *ERASE* apparently is using a model in a local school, of “*1 adult, 1 child, 1 hour weekly.*”

Obtain more information: www.Michigan.gov/mentormichigan

Discussed alcohol use & abuse problem in local schools, and how a *Community Room* help prevent substance-use problems. How? By offering kids a *listener, assistance* with academics, *attention* like *play board game, mentor* (emotional support), a *rap group*, and *referrals* to hobbyists & other positive alternatives.

Ron shared that half of a class of 28 (1st grade) did not know their ABC’s, and other such basics. Many kids are ill-equipped to succeed in school, right from the beginning, hence are “at risk.”

Roger clarified that our target group of kids would be those “at risk” (or not), but not be a *Community Room* for current “behavior problems,” for “disciplinary purposes,” or for “treatment services.”

The “key” is to give the youth access to a mature adult or older student, and offer *genuine interest, friendship, encouragement & assistance.. an accepting relationship*. Would be a “team effort.”

We could receive “walk-ins”, “teacher referrals” & “appointments.” We may be “open” lunch hour, after school, during study hall, or..

Roger will schedule an appointment with Mr. Steve Dembowski (663-8151), Middle School Principal, suggested by Dr. DeFrance. Ron offered to accompany & assist with this. Perhaps Jan also.

In summary, the *Board* present (several members out-of-town or ill) explored the idea & challenges of starting a *Community Room*.

Social Security Scandals..

Karen is not feeling well today, but is working on publicity material for Social Security Scandals. She has a *promotional postcard* and a *flyer* prepared, and will get them printed (for about \$6.00). Roger is working on *tickets*. We may have them available by next meeting.

Dianne Clone (663-8957) & Roger Nelson (628-2725) will serve as the "Box Office," where people can ask questions, order tickets, and given an address to send their check & get tickets.

After consulting with Shirley Bouck (Director of *Scandals*), and Jan Boardman, secretary at *FUMER* (also in *Scandals* Chorus), we've worked out a system where persons can send a stamped, self-addressed envelop (with a check) to FUMER for Jan to receive. Jan will send them tickets purchased (\$10 apiece).

Twice weekly, Roger will collect proceeds from Jan (for Claudia).

Shirley is also sending Jan Boardman a sample news release of our event, scheduled for matinees on December 13 & 14. I'll consult with Jan to localize the "release" and she can send to local papers.

Flashes charges \$81 for 1/8 of a page, \$162 for 1/4 of a page & \$300 for 1/2 a page. I don't know what *Community News* would charge, but Jan Boardman's daughter, Lori, used to work at LSJ, and can get us a cut-rate for any ad. Mike suggested use of pictures.

Next meeting, on **November 11th**, we need to decide on how much advertisement we want, and how to arrange a budget.

Minutes by Mary, adapted, with additions, by Roger