

CVFAPA Meeting minutes
September 13, 2011

Members in attendance: Tara Tilton, Danny Tilton, Carl Fellers, Gregory Fellers, Jason Farrell, Roxanne Freak, Mike Sanborn, Kay Sanborn, Jean Marie Bizon, NH State Representative Raymond Gagnon

Meeting began at 5pm with greetings and introductions. We also had a postcard raffle, and will continue to do this as long as possible as an incentive to come to the cvfapa meetings. Carol Fellers name was drawn and she won a \$25 gift certificate to the food co-op in Lebanon.

Representative Raymond Gagnon introduced himself, and gave a brief bio, which is printed if you're interested. He shared stories of his time serving the department of health and human services, along with some shocking statistics regarding the current economic state. He urged us to continue to advocate for what's right, continue to advocate for funding. He also gave a history of support groups like ours.

From 6:30 to 7pm we shared a potluck dinner as families and again dismissed the children to childcare. It was noted that DCYF staff was not invited to the meeting following a recent incident during a follow-up meeting that was had in regards to last year's issues of relationships with cvfapa families and dcyf Claremont staff. The issue began with the notification that we would not be given training credits for NH state representative Gagnon, regardless of the learning objective that was submitted weeks prior. So from now on I will just issue training certificates for you to present to licenser. Frustrations were shared amongst the group, and current chair Tara Tilton expressed the great desire to be done chairing cvfapa.

We sent out the proposed bylaws changes a while back, officially they need to be voted on for approval we will do that next month. So your input is requested with any other perspective changes, 1st change we would like to see supporting agencies removed, we are to support each other, not the agencies, again in attempts to draw private licensed homes in. We also changed member ship roster rule since dcyf is willing to only share names and addresses, emails and phone need to be acquired privately from members who are willing. The last change is any cvfapa funds needs 1 additional board member approval, just to keep things neat and clean, to assure funds are being distributed properly.

Meetings locations and childcare are still an issue, if we go somewhere more central we may get more participants, and childcare cannot continue without your support.

Nominations.. Mike nominated Tara Tilton as chair, Tara nominated Mike Sanborn as co-chair, Tara nominated Roxanne Freak for secretary treasurer and Tara also nominated Jason Farrell, and Carol Fellers for board members at large.

Treasury report/ fundraising.. As of 9/12 our balance is \$2205.59. Since May we spent \$55.56 placement supports, \$14.99 business expenses, \$170.59 cookout (retention) \$31. Po Box, \$171.50 fund raising totaling \$443.65. Deposits \$.38 interest \$1000.00 csb grant, \$55 Lia Sophia jewelry party totaling \$1055.38. We have healthy snacks for sale to raise funds, mostly Cindy at office, so if you want some contact her, and I have some here.

We also have Montshire tickets, I'm thinking about sending them out with minutes, again to draw attendance. October meeting will be our yearly meeting, with elections, its Domestic violence awareness month; my goal is to have someone from turning pints provide us with a learning opportunity, best to again start at 5pm Refreshment sign-up sheet is available please sign up to bring beverages, desserts, paper products, in return for no potluck. Meeting adjourn 7:50pm