

Executive Committee Meeting December 13, 2016

In attendance: Karolin Regan, Bo Huhn, Lisa Ott, Lorri Hahn.

- **Budget:** No new budget changes reported at this time.
- **Bylaws:** Bylaws were discussed and it was determined that Executive Committee member positions should be included. It was suggested that additional seats be made available for an Adams parent member, Baldwin parent member and GHS parent member, as well as a seat for a substance abuse professional. Bylaws will be changed to reflect this and re-submitted to the Executive Committee for approval prior to presenting at the next DAY Council meeting for final approval.
- **Legislative efforts:** Bo Huhn, Lisa Ott, David Knapp, Suzanne Polson (new coalition member from 1st Congressional Church) and several DAY youth including our co-chairs sent 187 packets to legislators homes today. The packets included materials from the Federal Impact Study of Legalization in Colorado to inform Connecticut legislators of the negative consequences recreational marijuana has brought to the state of Colorado and its youth. Bo Huhn also reported on a meeting that DAY has scheduled with CAS (The Ct. Association of Schools) and the CIAC (Athletic Conference) to discuss the negative impact recreational marijuana will have on students, athletes and school systems in Connecticut, and the benefit of principals to get ahead on this issue. Bo stated that he has reached out to Ct. State Representative Dr. William Petit in the hopes to educate and inform him of the negative consequences (through medical professionals) that recreational marijuana would bring to the state of Connecticut. In addition, Bo will prepare a document describing the legislative efforts DAY is making to keep recreational marijuana out of Connecticut. Karol will email this document to the DAY Council to keep all informed of the progress we are making in this effort.
- **Adams & Baldwin Parent Groups:** Lisa reported she will begin to arrange meetings with Adams & Baldwin parent groups. Lorri offered to assist as needed.
- **DFC Continuation Application:** Karol reported that preparation for the DFC continuation application has begun. All materials need to be submitted by the end of January. Karol has arranged a meeting with John Daviau to prepare the 2017-2018 action plan. Co-chairs Lisa Ott and Peter Palumbo were invited to participate as well. Once a new action plan is developed it will be presented to the Executive Committee for approval prior to the January submission deadline.
- **Prevention Coordinator position:** Interviews have begun for the Prevention Coordinator position. Potential candidates will meet with co-chair Lisa Ott prior to hire.
- **St. George Italian Festival:** A photo has been taken and submitted to the Guilford Courier as a thank you for St. George's generous \$11,000 donation to DAY. Youth leaders Danielle Ott, Anthony Slate and Gaby Palumbo will be in the picture as well as Bo Huhn and co-chairs Lisa Ott and Peter Palumbo. A formal thank you letter was submitted to St. George's Men's Group.
- **Courier Column:** Lorri reported that she has sent emails to the Guilford Courier regarding DAY columns to appear in the paper and as of meeting date has not received a response. Discussion involved the importance of identifying different DAY marketing ideas. One idea raised was to invite a representative from the Guilford Courier to a Community Leaders meeting.
- **Next meetings:**
 - January Executive and Council meeting: Tues. 1/17 at 6:00pm and 7:00pm respectively. Meetings will be held at GY&FS, 36 Graves Avenue, Guilford.