

## **SWANI Chapter of IAAP**

### Meeting Minutes

- When:** March 20, 2012
- Where:** Beloit Safe House (Survive Alive House)
- Speaker:** Norm Nitz
- Present:** Aimee Bierman, Nancy Arnold, Mandy Doersam, Mary Hesse, Lisa Skarlupka, Kim Rebarcek, Roxanne Matteson, Sally Keena
- Next meeting:** Tuesday, April 17, 2012
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#### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

We had a small group at the March meeting and we all knew each other so no introductions were needed. Each of us introduced ourselves to the speakers.

#### **II. Dinner**

We had a wonderful dinner at The Rock restaurant following our Survive Alive House demonstration.

#### **III. Program**

The Survive Alive House project started with brainstorming ideas from touring other city's education houses in 1988 and they did the first tour in 1994. It was created to help save children's lives by giving them as close to a real-life house fire experience as possible. We all know that experiencing things helps us learn/retain more than just reading about it.

All local fire districts can use the house, not just Beloit, but many do not. Many area elementary students go through the tour in 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grade. The house is open to not only the students of the surrounding education districts, but also to private tours of families, etc. (just like our SWANI tour). You have to call Norm at the Township of Beloit Fire Station to schedule a tour.

The tours/demos are free of charge to everyone, but they do accept donations. SWANI members donated \$77 to their fund tonight.

We learned a lot about fire safety, smoke and carbon monoxide detector regulations and heard some pretty interesting stories from the firemen. Although this was not a typical administrative type program, everyone left there with a feeling of being very satisfied with the tour, facility & hosts, and that our time was well-spent. We learned a lot about a local community asset that many do not know about and we will all share our experience with others.

#### **IV. Business**

- o Mary motioned to approve the February meeting minutes. There was no Treasurer's Report available at the meeting, but they'll be on the SWANI website soon.
- o The room block for the WI Division Annual Meeting in Steven's Point is now open.
- o SWANI has decided their raffle basket for the WI Division Annual Meeting will be a "Summer Road Trip" theme. Items such as gas cards, travel mugs, games for the car, an Atlas, etc. can be brought to the April or May meetings. We'll also have this information in the April & May Scopes.

- Sally and Nancy have received thank you notes from Echo, Three Gates and Project 16:49 for SWANI's recent donations to each. We're doing good – let's keep it up!
- We still haven't heard back from the company for the Magnabilities fundraiser. Hopefully we'll hear soon and can start the fundraising efforts.

**V. Announcements/Good of the Order**

- Mandy has a job interview in Eau Claire this Thursday. (Good luck Mandy!)
- There are various administrative job openings at Medithin, URT Recycling and Edgerton Hospital. Glad to see the job market opening up a bit. Keep your eyes open!

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.