

# Troy Youth Assistance Board Meeting

November 15, 2007 Draft Minutes

6:00 p.m.

**Present:** Nancy Piotrowski, Leonette Ciepielowski, Robin Lilly, George Zielinski, Ann Comiskey, Palak Vani, Alyssa Arnesen, Charlene Krupitzer, Dale Zygnowicz, Paul Scobie.

**Call to order:** Nancy called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes:** George moved to approve the minutes of October 18, 2007. Leonette seconded; so moved.

## **Treasurer's Report: George Zielinski:**

- George presented Treasurers Report. Robin moved to approve report as presented. Ann seconded; so moved.

## **Communications:**

- Paul distributed a thank you note sent by Leonette for her nomination to Leadership Troy as TYA's Volunteer of the Year.
- Paul shared feedback on Youth Dialogue day. Ann followed up with an explanation of what the day consisted of and what the students felt were important issues.

## **Caseworker's Report:**

- VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT-At our Executive Committee Meeting this week, the importance of ongoing volunteer recruitment was discussed. It was agreed that this is a challenge that sometimes feels daunting, but which nonetheless requires the energies of each of us. TYA has purchased copies of an excellent Recruitment and Publicity Guide which we hope to use as a tool to assist us in this effort during the coming months. This information will be shared soon; lets commit toward making this a priority in 2008.
- TROY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION –I was privileged to have spoken to the Troy Women's Association at their regular meeting on November 13. I felt warmly received, was able to spread the word about TYA's efforts, and had two members express interest in following up about learning more. A monetary contribution was made to us by the TWA of \$250.00. We are very grateful for this support and possible future collaboration.
- YOUTH DIALOGUE DAY-Over one hundred students and adult leaders participated in this semi-yearly event earlier this week. Students came from middle school this year and were a great source of energy, spirit, and dialogue. The Troy Community Coalition will be generating feedback to the community regarding this event in the weeks to come.
- CASEWORK- During October, thirteen new referrals came into TYA-seven from schools, four from police and two from parents. Our caseload as of October 31, 2007 stood at 57- 36 boys and 21 girls.

## **Executive Committee Report:**

- Paul attended the Troy Woman's Association meeting, and was presented with a cash donation to use as we see fit.
- George spoke with National City Bank about sponsoring the New Beginnings Scholarship; he suggested sharing the name if they are able to support it.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **A. Camp/Skill Building:**

- Paul reported. It is the off season; so not a lot going on at this time. Will be getting together with Brian Goul in January or February to start planning for 2008.

**B. Family Education:**

- Charlene reported: the October 22 Helping “Our Children” Cope with Stress event was a big success. There were over one hundred in attendance. Active Parenting of Teens will be starting in January and once again we will be running Time To Wait For Sex (April 10, 2008).

**C. Fundraising- Vacant:**

**D. Mentors Plus-Paul Scobie reported.**

- Not a lot of activity right now; Bill Waggoner may be returning to assist in 2008.

**E. Membership- Vacant**

**F. Publicity- Amy Johnson:**

- Amy will be writing up an article on the New Beginnings Scholarship.

**E. Youth Involvement-**

- Leonette collected Halloween candy from three Troy Schools and it will be distributed to Lighthouse, Baldwin Center, Salvation Army and the Detroit Rescue Mission.

**H. Youth Recognition-Vacant**

- Meeting is scheduled for November 20 to begin planning.

**School Reports:**

- Palak reports Athens held a blood drive in November which brought in one hundred twenty five pint's.
- Alyssa reports Troy High is in the planning stages of Prom, will be selling water bottles @ \$5.00 each to raise money for expenses. Troy High Football Team is in the State Playoffs. The Leadership Club held a training.

**Old Business:**

- Executive Committee will be developing techniques to recruit new members.

**New Business:**

- Spring Break Troy Style will take place March 24-30 2008

**Community Information From Organization/Agencies Liaisons:**

- Ann reports the Troy Community Coalition will be holding their Volunteer Recognition Dinner on December 6, 2007. The City of Troy and the Troy Coalition together will be sponsoring Turn Off The TV and Turn On Your Family.

**Adjourned:** 7:50 p.m.

**Next meeting will be January 17, 2008 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robin Lilly, Secretary