

Troy Youth Assistance Board Meeting

Final Minutes
August 24, 2008
6:00 p.m.

Present: Leonette Ciepielowski, Robin Beltramini, George Zielinski, Nancy Piotrowski, Jeanne Stine, Ann Comiskey, Charlene Krupitzer, Dale Zygnowicz, Paul Scobie.

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

Minutes: Robin B moved to approve the minutes of May 15, 2008. Leonette seconded; so moved.

Treasurer's Report: George Zielinski:

- George presented April 2008 Treasurers Report for both June and July, 2008. Ann moved to approve reports with one correction. Jeanne seconded; so moved.
- George also reports that Bank of America declined to provide financial support for the New Beginnings Scholarship.

Communications:

- TYA received a thank you from Troy HS for our sponsorship of their All Night Party.

Caseworker's Report:

- MEMBERSHIP- As a new program year begins, lets be focused on our ongoing goal of increasing membership Any organization relies on fresh ideas which bring new "creative juices" to the table. Step forward to speak with neighbors and friends about the important work we do at TYA..... Our community will be better for it.
- TROY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE- Nancy Piotrowski and Robin Beltramini have been gracious enough to represent us over the past couple of months at the Troy Chamber's Non Profit Network Meetings. A big thanks goes out to them for helping to network and collaborate in this way. The exposure and publicity the Chamber provides for our group is proving to be a real asset already.
- DR. WILLIAM POLLACK-On November 4 and 4, 2008, the OCYA Family Education Advisory Committee will be bringing Dr. William Pollack of the Harvard University Medical School to the area. Dr Pollack is an internationally acclaimed author and lecturer on issues related to boys and young men. He will present to parents on the evening on November 3 and to professional the morning of November 4. Flyers will be available for these exciting presentations in the coming weeks.
- CASEWORK-During May, June, and July, 2008 twenty seven new referrals came int TYA-twenty two form police, three from schools, one from a parent, and one form another community referral source. Our caseload as of July 31, 2008 stood at 57- 36 boys and 21 girls.

Executive Committee Report:

- Executive Committee will work to develop partnerships with area businesses in order to increase our volunteer base and well as to possibly encourage contributions.
- George reports that our accounting agency (Doeren-Mayhew, Inc.) worked to get an \$800.00 penalty waived that we were going to have to pay to the IRS.
- Robin Beltramini will be recognized for her efforts on behalf of TYA at Leadership Troy's Community Awards Banquet in October.
- We could use a digital camera for use at future events. Nancy made a motion seconded by Jeanne to approve up to \$150.00 for this purchase. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

A. Camp/Skill Building:

- Paul reported that 2008 Summer Camp just finished. TYA provided thirty scholarships for both Residential and Day Camp opportunities.

B. Family Education:

- Charlene reports that our 2008-2009 schedule is very exciting. We begin in September, 2008 with "Active Parenting Now" and "Kids Who Want Everything And Think They Should Get It". Paul to check into capacity of Board Room for September 30 event.

C. Fundraising- Vacant:

D. Mentors Plus-Bruce Baxter reported.

- We are struggling to attract new volunteers, particularly men.
- Wendy to make a contact on our behalf with Troy School District teachers.

E. Membership- Discussed under Old Business.

F. Publicity- Amy Johnson:

- No report.

E. Youth Involvement-

- Explored the need for creative ideas in this area. The needs of home schooled children and how to reach them were looked at.

H. Youth Recognition-Committee

- Are working on a date for 2009.

School Reports:

- None

Old Business:

- Work is ongoing in follow up with persons identified previously as possible new volunteers. We will attempt to invite these individuals tour upcoming Annual Breakfast as our guests so that they can be "hosted" and get a fuller picture of what TYA is all about.

New Business:

- We are developing a layout for a new banner which we hope to have available for our Annual Meeting on September 25, 2008.
- The Annual Breakfast invites will go out in the coming days. Dr. Barbara Fowler, Troy School District Superintendent, will be our speaker and we will honor Wendy Underwood at the event for her efforts on our behalf.
- Nancy and Robin B. reported on TYA's affiliation with the Troy Chamber of Commerce Non Profit Network. This is going to be a real benefit for us in terms of recruitment and publicity.

Community Information From Organization/Agencies Liaisons:

- Wendy reported on the opening of the International Academy East in Troy this week and is excited about the appointment of new Board of Education Trustee Nancy Philippart.
- Robin B. reminded the group of Troy Daze coming up September 11-14.
- Ann shares that the Troy Community Coalition is working on bringing an educational program called "Life Of An Athlete." The Rochester Villas Summer Program recently concluded.
- George indicates that Det. Meghan Broderick is the new Police Liaison Officer at Troy High School.

Adjourned: 7:25 p.m.

Next meeting will be September 18, 2008 @ 6:00 p.m.