

**Troy Youth Assistance Board Meeting  
February 19, 2009 – Final Minutes**

**Present:** Leonette Ciepielowski, Robin Beltramini, Robin Lilly, George Zielinski, Ann Comiskey, Nancy Groves, Nancy Piotrowski, Daniella Youhan, Dale Zygnowicz, Mike Kerr, Paul Scobie.

**Call to order:** Leonette called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes:** Ann moved to approve the minutes of January 15, 2009. Robin B seconded with correction of U of M Dance Marathon; so moved.

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

- George presented January, 2009 Treasurers Report. Robin B moved to approve report. Nancy P seconded; so moved.

**Communications:**

- Passed around Troy Times article on Kaleidoscope. Leonette thanked Paul, Ann and Steve Toth for their work on written press release regarding possible budget cuts.

**Caseworker's Report:**

- OCYA CHAIRPERSON'S MEETING-Many thanks to Leonette Ciepielowski who will be representing TYA at a meeting of local committee Chairpersons at the YA Central Office in Pontiac on February 24. Chairs and other volunteers will have the opportunity to network, share ideas, and meet with Oakland County Circuit Court Administrator Mr. Kevin Oeffener, who will present an overview of the Oakland County budget and its impact on Youth Assistance.
- COUNTY WIDE FAMILY EDUCATION EVENT-I have been a staff representative on the Oakland County YA Family Education Advisory Committee since 2005. On Thursday, May 7 the committee will be sponsoring an exciting program entitled "Say Yes To No" here at the Troy Schools Services Building. Intended audience will be Family Education Chairpersons, other interested volunteers, and key library personnel from throughout Oakland County. The evening will be based on a book by Dr. David Walsh called "NO-Why Kids of All Ages Need to Hear It and Ways Parents Can Say It."
- SUMMER CAMP- Brian Goul and myself will be meeting in the coming weeks to plan for TYA's 2009 Summer Camp Program. This will be on us before we know it; materials and applications should be ready in early April.
- CASEWORK-During January, eighteen new referrals came into TYA-sixteen from police and two from parents. Our caseload as of January 31, 2009 stood at 47-38 boys and 9 girls.

**Executive Committee Report:**

- Referred to committee reports below.

**Committee Reports:**

**A. Camp/Skill Building: Brian Goul:**

- Paul reiterated that he and Brian G. will be sitting down soon to work on applications.

**B. Family Education:**

- Leonette reported: Active Parenting Of Teens is in progress and doing well. "Teenage Sex At What Price" is coming up March 16, 2009 at the Troy Community Center.

**C. Fundraising- Vacant:**

**D. Mentors Plus-Bruce Baxter:**

- Received skating passes to Troy Sports Center which were provided to our two matches.

**E. Membership- Nancy Piotrowski:**

- Nancy presented Job Description changes, suggested to bring names to next months meeting for possible membership. Nancy talked about recent Non-Profit Network activities.

**F. Publicity- :**

- Kate Goodin has agreed to develop press releases for TYA and has given us a media contact list to be added to our Troy Police contacts.

**E. Youth Involvement-**

- Would like to get involved with a middle school project.

**H. Youth Recognition-Committee**

- Committee met yesterday (2-18) to rank and choose nominees for recognition. Event is scheduled for April 22, 2009 at Athens High School.

**School Reports:**

- Daniella reports that Athens High School Spirit Week is the third week of March; this year's charity will be a dance Marathon to benefit kids.

**Old Business:**

- Leonette attended Community Kaleidoscope on January 25, 2009 and said it went very well.
- Second Annual New Beginnings Scholarship deadline is coming up.

**New Business:**

- Leonette will be attending Chairpersons Meeting February 24 at YA Central Office.

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

- Robin B reports- Troy High School will be holding a Country Fiddlers concert.
- Ann Reports- Over one hundred youngsters will be honored at the Incredible Kids Ceremony which will be held March 5. Troy Community Coalition will be sponsoring Smoking Cessation classes beginning next month.
- Mike talked about a service project for troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- George reports that Chief Charles Craft will be retiring.

**Adjourned:** 7:08 pm

**Next meeting will be March 19, 2009 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted, Robin Lilly, Secretary