

Troy Youth Assistance Board Meeting

Final Minutes of August 20, 2009 - 6:00 p.m.

Present: Leonette Ciepielowski, Robin Beltramini, Robin Lilly, Nancy Piotrowski, Wendy Underwood, Bruce Baxter Dale Zygnowicz, Paul Scobie.

Call to order: Leonette called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: Robin B moved to approve the minutes of May 21, 2009. Wendy seconded, so moved.

Treasurer's Report: George Zielinski:

- Leonette presented June ending Treasurers Report.
- Leonette also presented July Treasurers Report; Robin B moved to approve both reports. Nancy P. seconded; so moved.

Communications:

- Received a packet about the Summit Nancy, Robin B and Leonette attended on June 24th.

Caseworker's Report:

- NEW ASSIGNMENT-My time in the Troy community has been rewarding and the bonds formed are deep. I love this program and those of you who work so hard to make TYA such a positive force in the community. With that in mind, I made the decision earlier this month to accept a supervisory position within Oakland County Youth Assistance. I have valued the privilege of serving students and families here in Troy and am excited about the challenge of contributing in my new capacity. My new assignment begins in early October and I will spend these next weeks in transition with our TYA leadership and the incoming Caseworker to insure the program continues without a hitch. Thanks to all of you who have made my time in Troy an experience to cherish.
- SUMMER CAMP-We move toward the conclusion of our 2009 Summer Camp Program at the end of August. We provided twenty eight scholarships to students this year. Many thanks to Brian Goul who assisted in registering families this year and to the many referral sources who sent children our way.
- MENTORS PLUS-Bruce Baxter and I interviewed Geraldine Feld earlier this month and expect to match her with a deserving child in the coming weeks Gerry recently moved to Sterling Heights after many years in Ferndale and was matched in Ferndale YA's Mentors PLUS Program with the same child for over five years. She will bring a lot of energy and care to TYA's program.
- CASEWORK-During May, June and July, 2009 twenty four new referrals came into TYA- fourteen for police, five from schools, three from community sources, and two from parents. Our caseload as of July 31, 2009 stood at 41- 30 boys and 11 girls.

Executive Committee Report:

- See below reports

Committee Reports:

A. Camp/Skill Building: Brian Goul:

- Discussion was held on how to fill all spots for all camps. Paul indicates a number of campers cancelled at the last minute. We may need to develop a waiting list next year.

B. Family Education:

- We will be having a meeting on Wednesday August 26, 2009 to finalize this year's events. Bulk mailing will be taking place also. We could use volunteers to sort and stuff envelopes.

C. Fundraising- Vacant:

D. Mentors Plus-Bruce Baxter:

- Bruce and Paul met with a possible new Mentor.

E. Membership- Nancy Piotrowski:

- See old business

F. Publicity:

- No report

E. Youth Involvement-

- Leonette reported on Executive Committee discussion related to the need to develop more "hands on" activities for volunteers to be involved with. One idea is specific programming with Rochester Villas Apartments or other low income housing pockets in the community.

H. Youth Recognition-Committee

- No report

School Reports:

- No report.

Old Business:

- Troy Chamber of Commerce: Non Profit Network.
- Membership/Recruitment: would like to have a complete list of activities new volunteers can volunteer for. Executive Committee will develop this list in preparation for September 10 Volunteer Expo.

New Business:

- Robin Beltramini will be our Volunteer of the Year at Annual Breakfast; Chief Mayer has agreed to be our keynote speaker.

Community Information From Organization/Agencies Liaisons:

- Wendy reports election is coming up for new school board; Kids at IA East have started the new school year. Things are coming along well.
- Robin Beltramini reports- summer is coming to an end, fall activities starting up. The dog swim will be held on September 12, 2009. City Council Election is coming up.

Adjourned: 7:10 p.m.

Next meeting will be September 17, 2009 @ 6:00 p.m.