

Troy Youth Assistance Board Meeting

September 16, 2010 Approved Minutes

Present: Leonette Ciepielowski, Mary Beth Halushka, Robin Lilly, Pat Breen, Dane Lepola, Daniella Youhan, K.C. Scudder, Jeanne Stine, Sandy Macknis, Elliot Gold, George Zielinski, Cindy Stewart, Jeff Stewart, Dale Zygnowicz, Ann Comiskey, Karen Wonsowicz.

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

Minutes: Jeanne Stine motioned to approve the minutes of May 20, 2010. Ann Comiskey seconded. Approved

Treasurer's Report:

- Mary Beth Halushka presented June and July Treasurer's Reports. Jeanne motioned to approve the June report. Cindy Stewart seconded. Approved. Cindy motioned to approve July and August reports. George Zielinski seconded. Approved.

Communications:

- Leonette extended thanks to Cindy for her newspaper articles which generated Adopt-a-Camper donations.

Caseworker's Report:

- Since May 2010 we have received 26 referrals: 21 from the TPD, including the school liaison officers; three from the schools, and two from parents. A total of 32 cases have been closed since May.
- Due to budgeting constraints, Oakland County reviewed the assignments of Youth Assistance caseworkers across the County, reducing the hours of and reassigning several caseworkers, as needed. Karen Wonsowicz's hours were not affected; she will continue to provide service to Troy youth five days/week.
- Oakland County Youth Assistance Coordinating Council Annual Breakfast Meeting will be held on Friday, November 19 at 7:15 a.m. at The MET Hotel in Troy. \$15/pp., payable to TYA. Interested Board members should contact Robin L.

OCYA Supervisor, Pat Breen, Remarks:

- OCYA will now assume responsibility for the Mentors PLUS program.
- Pat reiterated the important roles that volunteers play in the success of the local YA's. He encouraged the Board members to be creative in exploring the in-kind resources that are available via our sponsors.

Executive Committee Report:

- Leonette spoke about the responsibilities and expectations of Board members.
- Each Board member received a binder with key TYA information to organize monthly reports and handouts. The expectation is that Board members will bring the binders with them to the monthly meetings.
- Board members completed emergency information cards.

Old Business:

- Mary Beth nominated Kathey Gernay for TYA Board Secretary; Cindy seconded. Approved.
- The Executive Committee voted to award \$1000.00 that was budgeted (in 2009-2010) for the New Beginnings Scholarship to James LeDuc, an honoree at the Youth Recognition Awards Program last April. He is a graduate of Niles and currently attending Walsh College.
- Elliot Gold attended the meeting in anticipation of being appointed Fundraising Chair.

New Business:

- Sandy Macknis graciously volunteered to make name plates for Board members to display at our monthly meetings. Cindy will provide hard stock paper.
- Leonette circulated a sign-up sheet for Board members to attend the Annual Meeting and a second sheet to volunteer to set up for the meeting..
- Each Board member was asked to sell five coupon booklets for the upcoming PARISIAN fundraiser in November.
- Jeanne Stine will be honored by TYA as an *Outstanding Volunteer* at the Leadership Troy Community Awards Banquet, Wed., Oct.20 at Petruzello's in Troy. Tickets are \$40.00/pp. RSVP to RobinL by Thurs., Sept. 30th.
- As participants in the PARISIAN fundraiser, TYA members are eligible to purchase Detroit Lions game tickets at reduced rates. See Karen for details.

Committee Reports:

A. Camp/Skill Building:

- Karen reported that ten children attended the Boys and Girls Club Summer Camp program; five children participated in the Troy Community Coalition Rochester Villas Summer Camp program.
- Financial assistance was also provided to one youth to help pay for driver's education.

B. Family Education: Robin L

- The Family Ed Committee is continuing to plan for a March 2, 2011, program which will feature Pam Stenzel live.

C. Fundraising: No report; awaiting appointment of Chair.

D. MentorsPlus: Bruce Baxter:

- No report.

E. Membership: Nancy Piotrowski

- No report.

F. Publicity: Cindy Stewart:

- Will take pictures at Annual Meeting and forward them to local newspapers for publicity.

G. Youth Involvement: Committee will meet on Wed., September 29, following Annual Breakfast to brainstorm for 2010-11.

H. Youth Recognition: May 11, 2011, Athens HS Auditorium.

School Reports:

- Dane Lepola reported that Troy HS is preparing for Homecoming on September 24, 2010. Working on activities for the spring.
- Daniella Youhan reported that Athens HS will be holding its Homecoming on Oct. 9, 2010.
- Elliott added that the AHS Marching Band will be hosting a marching band competition at AHS.

Community Information From Organization/Agency Liaisons:

- Ann promoted the 10th Annual FAMILY Day event.

Adjourned: 7:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 21, 2010 @ 6 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Lilly/lc