

**Troy Youth Assistance
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

October 21, 2010

Present: Leonette Ciepielowski, Robin Beltramini, Nancy Piotrowski, Mary Beth Halushka, Dane Lepola, K.C. Scudder, Jeanne Stine, Sandy Macknis, Elliot Gold, Dale Zygnowicz, Karen Wonsowicz, Kathey Gernay

Absent: Bruce Baxter, Pat Breen, Ann Comiskey, Larry Cranston, Cathy Fucinari, Mike Kerr, Sandi Kleiss, Cindy Stewart, Jeff Stewart, Daniella Youhan, George Zielinski

I. Call to order: Leonette called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance: All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Introductions: All present members introduced themselves.

IV. Minutes:

- Jeanne Stine motioned to approve the minutes of September 16, 2010. Sandy Macknis seconded. Approved.

V. Treasurer's Report:

- Mary Beth Halushka presented the September Statement of Activities and Statement of Position. Dale Zygnowicz motioned to approve the September report. Robin Beltramini seconded. Approved.

VI. Communications:

- Troy Somerset Gazette published an article and a photo on Jeanne Stine accepting the award for Volunteer of the Year.
- The Sunday Oakland Press ran a photo in their Community Corkboard, of the Troy Youth Assistance Board of Directors and staff. They also mentioned Jeanne Stine being honored as Volunteer of the Year.

VII. Caseworker's Report: Karen Wonsowicz

- Four new referrals came into TYA in September. Three from police and one from a parent.
- Karen distributed information on available parenting programs to the Troy middle schools.
- A Caseworker will provide all-day training on After Care reentry, November 5.

VIII. Old Business:

- A. Annual Meeting - Leonette reported that 24 people attended the breakfast on September 29. The venue worked very well and will be considered for next year's meeting. Hope to increase the headcount in 2011.
- B. Leadership Troy Community Awards Event – Robert Preston was named Leadership Troy's Distinguished Citizen for 2010 at the 42nd Community Awards Banquet on October 20, at Petruzzello's. Preston and 14 others were honored including A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Directors who received the Business Community Appreciation Award.
- C. Parisian Fundraiser – Karen reported that 98 coupon books were sold as of October 21. A signup sheet is being circulated for those volunteering to sell coupon books outside the Parisian on November 10.

- D. OCYA Annual Breakfast Meeting, Nov. 19, 7:15 a.m., The MET Hotel, Troy. Checks payable to TYA, send to Robin L. (\$15/pp), by Thurs, Nov. 4. Jeanne Stine suggested videotaping the meeting.

IX. New Business:

- A. Tuition Fundraiser – Elliot and Mary Beth are working on the details for a tuition raffle. The goal is to sell 1,000 tickets at \$50/ticket. The winner will receive a contribution to a 529 plan. Printing of the tickets, time of the drawing and details of the distribution are still being finalized.
- B. By-Laws Change – Mary Beth is revising the by-laws which must be approved prior to obtaining a gaming license and printing the tickets. The Committee reviewed the proposed changes and suggested some revisions. It will take 8-10 weeks to obtain approval for the license.

X. Committee Reports:

- Camp/Skill Building:
Sandy reported on Extend, a program where high school students will mentor middle school students. How the students will be chosen for the program and transportation issues has not yet been determined.
Four schools are on board for the Halloween Candy Collection. The candy will be donated to the Baldwin Center in Pontiac and sent to our troops overseas.
- Family Education:
Nancy reported that "Time to Wait for Sex" is an excellent education tool for students in grades 7 through 12, and their parents. The Board will view a promo at our next meeting. Pam Stenzel will appear in person Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Troy Athens High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 per person or \$15 per family, available through Troy Youth Assistance.
- Fundraising:
Elliott will hold a Fundraising Committee Meeting Wednesday, October 27, from 10-11:30 a.m. to discuss fundraising options, including the 529 raffle.
- Mentors PLUS: Bruce/ Karen
OCYA, Mentors Plus program is adding two full-time case workers to assist the County with their workload. They will monitor the program and provide feedback on the adults and children in the program.
- Membership:
Five people have contacted the Troy office indicating their interest in volunteering. Nancy will provide them with information packets describing TYA's programs. With input from the Executive Committee and the Board we will determine what may be a good fit for these volunteers.
- Publicity:
Troy Somerset Gazette published an article and a photo of Jeanne Stine accepting the award for Volunteer of the Year. The Sunday Oakland Press ran a photo in their Community Corkboard of the Troy Youth Assistance Board of Directors and staff. They also mentioned Jeanne Stine being honored as Volunteer of the Year.
- Youth Involvement:
The Committee is working on events for the 2010-2011 year. Focus on February 2011 when the students have a day off for Records Day; possible parent/child activity.

- Youth Recognition:
The drawing for the 529 College Fund will take place at the Youth Recognition event in spring 2011. The time of the drawing is yet to be determined.

XI. School Reports

- K.C. Scudder reported on activity at Athens High School. All sports teams are giving their all in making Athens proud. Students are working toward Charity Week, which is March 7-11, 2011. A Blood Drive is underway for November 10. The Homecoming Dance, Parade and Powderpuff were successful...the football game with Lake Orion, not so much. Food donations for Forgotten Harvest will be collected at the Troy/Athens football game.
- Dane Lepola reported that Troy High School enjoyed their Homecoming celebration September 20-25, 2010. The Student Government will be hosting the 2011 MAHS/MASC State conference March 26-28, 2011. Troy H.S. students are planning Activist Week for spring 2011, where they will collect athletic clothing and equipment for underprivileged children. October 18, was the powder-puff football game where proceeds from ticket sales went to the American Cancer Society (\$1,000). And finally, the Troy H.S. Soccer team has made it to the playoffs.

XII. Community Information from Organization/ Agency Liaisons

Leonette received a letter of appreciation to all sponsors, volunteers, supporters and staff from The Circuit Court of Oakland County. The letter, signed by nine judges from the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court – Family Division, compliments the efforts of this group on their "resolve to protect our most valuable resource, our children".

Adjourned: 7:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 18, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathey Gernay