Troy Youth Assistance
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Final

November 18, 2010

Present: Leonette Ciepielowski, Robin Beltramini, Nancy Piotrowski, Mary Beth Halushka, Dane Lepola, K.C. Scudder, Jeff Stewart, Jeanne Stine, Sandy Macknis, Elliot Gold, Mike Kerr, Robin Lilly, Dale Zygnowicz, Karen Wonsowicz, George Zielinski, Kathey Gernay
Absent: Bruce Baxter, Ann Comiskey, Larry Cranston, Cathy Fucinari, Sandi Kleiss, Cindy Stewart, Daniella Youhan

I. Call to order: Leonette called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

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

III. Approval of October 21, 2010 Minutes
Nancy Piotrowski moved to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Mary Beth Halushka; approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report:
- Mary Beth Halushka presented the October 2010 Statement of Activities and Statement of Position. Nancy Piotrowski motioned to approve the October report. Robin Beltramini seconded; approved.

V. Communications:
- Youth-Serving Summit – Ann Comiskey
  Several community groups will convene for the purpose of discussing future funding efforts. The meeting is Monday, November 29, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. at the Troy School District Services Center.
- Leadership Troy Letter – TYA received a letter from Leadership Troy thanking us for honoring Jeanne Stine as our volunteer of the year at the Troy Community Awards Banquet.

VI. Caseworker's Report: Karen Wonsowicz
- Seven new referrals came into TYA in October; four from police and three from parents.
- Youth Assistance caseworkers participated in an all-day training session on Aftercare Re- Entry on November 5, 2010.

VII. Old Business:
A. Parisian Fundraiser – Karen reported a $910 profit, $100 of which was made selling coupon books at the Parisian Store in Rochester on November 10, 2010.
B. OCYA Annual Breakfast – One hundred people are expected to attend the breakfast at The Met Hotel. Tickets available at the door for $15/person.
C. Vote to change By-Laws – Article III, Article XXIII and Article XXIV, Section B of the TYA By-Laws were revised and presented to the Board for approval in preparation for application of the State of Michigan license to operate the 2011 TYA Scholarship Raffle. All voted in favor of approving the final draft.

VIII. Committee Reports:

- Camp/Skill Building:
  We are not currently approving skill building scholarships due to the uncertainty of our economic situation. However, there has been $800 in skill building requests. A request for driver's education was refused.
- Family Education:
  Pam Stenzel will be presenting, in person, "A Time to Wait for Sex", at the Athens High School Auditorium on March 2, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.; tickets are $5 per person or $15 per family. Volunteers are needed for the night of the performance. Please contact Robin Lilly to volunteer or to purchase tickets.
- Fundraising:
  Elliot will hold a Fundraising Committee Meeting Wednesday, December 15, to discuss fundraising options, including the 529 raffle. Tickets will be sold for $50. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold and the winner receives either a 529 Option or a Cash Option. Ticket sales begin March 1, 2011.
- 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. The TYA Mentors Plus Chairperson position has not yet been filled.
- Membership: Nancy
  Three people have expressed an interest in volunteering opportunities.
- Publicity:
  Leadership Troy held its 42nd Annual Community Awards Banquet. Highlights are posted on the Leadership Troy web site at http://www.leadershiptroy.org/.
- Youth Involvement:
  Halloween Candy Collection – Leonette reported that over 300 pounds of candy was collected for distribution to various organizations including a veteran's shelter, the Baldwin Center, Light House and the Grace Hope Outreach Center. Candy was collected from seven Troy elementary schools and the senior Girl Scout troop at Athens High School helped to package the candy for distribution.
  Winter Warm-Up Party – Jeff and Sandy reported on the Winter Warm-up party being planned for 30 Morse elementary students after school on January 27, from 3-5p.m. Food and games will be provided.
- Youth Recognition:
  The drawing for the 529 College Fund Raffle will take place at the Youth Recognition Event on May 11, 2011. The time of the drawing is yet to be determined.

IX. School Reports

- K.C. Scudder reported on activity at Athens High School. The Troy Redhawk Marching Band took a division 2 rating at the Bands of America Grand National Championship and will be marching in the Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade. Athens Full Orchestra was selected to play at Carnegie Hall. Athens Theatre Company performs The Crucible on December 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Athens Blood Drive was a huge success. Athens students have joined an effort to raise funds to help pay medical costs for 21 year old Danny Zerafa, who is battling brain cancer.

- Dane Lepola reported that Troy High School will be hosting the 2011 MAHS/MASC State Conference and is holding a fundraiser this Tuesday to benefit the conference. Troy students are also holding fundraisers for Global Outreach, which raises funds for people in Africa. Winter Ball, a semi-formal dance put on by the sophomore class, will be held December 3, from 7-10 p.m. Troy High's winter sports teams have begun practicing for games which will begin within the month.

X. Community Information from Organization/ Agency Liaisons

- The City of Troy Police Department issued a document on their Traffic Crash Avoidance Program. This information is intended to educate drivers of the five most frequent types of traffic crashes that occur within the city. A copy of the entire Troy City Code Traffic Ordinance can be found on the City of Troy Website: www.troymi.gov.
- George Zielinski will continue to update our website and Facebook page. Thank you George.
- Many of the Troy City Offices will be closed during the December holiday season. Check the Troy calendar at www.troymi.gov for the holiday schedule.

Adjourned: 7:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 20, 2011 @ 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathey Gernay