

MINUTES

COLCHESTER YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

WEDNESDAY, October 1, 2008 at the Youth Center 5:30 P.M.

Members Present:

L. Marvin, T. St. Louis, S. Dell, M. Kokofski, S. Dell, P. Scheibelein, S. Tortorigi, N. Goodchild, C. Bennett

Members Absent: H. Pelletier

Others Present: V. Geato, Dept. Director, G.Cordova, Selectman & A. Gonzalez

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** L. Marvin called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** from Sept. 3, 2008 meeting; T. St. Louis motioned to approve the minutes S. Dell seconded the motion, motion passed. M. Kokofski would like the minutes sent to members as a PDF.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

V. Geato introduced Aaliyah Gonzalez. A. Gonzalez is interested in filling one of the youth positions on the Board.
4. **PROGRAMS:**
 - A. **September Program Review:** (V. Geato gave review of the following Programs)

Open Youth Center: Over 100 seventh and eighth students attended Open Youth Center and 67 sixth grade students in the month of Sept.

Youth Action Council: Y.A.C. has a complete group of students and has elected officers and has begun their community service plans for the year.

- **Positive Parenting Series:** Volunteers are needed for childcare. The dates are Oct. 14, 21, 28, from 6pm to 8pm at the Youth Center. Board members are to call V. Geato to let her know what dates you are available.
- **Club Rap: Youth Services Enhancement Grant** approved for second year, but the money has not yet been received and is being threatened by budget cuts. V. Geato and C. Bennett reported on the success of last year's program. G. Cordova suggested that a press release be done on the success of last year's successes and the fact that it is a Colchester Community program designed as a collaborative between the Youth Services Bureau and Colchester Board of Education.

5. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. **Youth Center Sign:** tabled for next meeting.

B. **Other:** - none

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. None

7. **COMMITTEES:**

A. **FUNDRAISING:**

* P. Scheibelein, Fundraising Chairman advised Board Members that the Sept. afternoon dance was without Board Member supervision and had to be covered by Youth Services Staff. She reminded everyone that the entire Board agreed upon participation with all fundraisers when fundraising was taken on as a Board project. A discussion followed as to the future of fundraising projects; P. Scheibelein requested that all Board Members commit to the projects that they could actually attend or advise that they could not commit.

P. Scheibelein stated, "It is ok to advise the group that a total commitment is not possible. We need to decide just what each individual's commitment is. We cannot have the Youth Services Staff covering a project that the Board committed to. We all have busy lives and maybe we need to re-think just what our priorities are. We just need to know what we can and can't do".

St. Louis discussed the Board being an advocacy group, or starting a sub-group; i.e. "Friends of Colchester Youth Services", which could deal with fundraising only. V. Geato stated that the dances are not just fundraisers but also provide a safe afterschool and Friday night activity for students.

Assignments/responsibilities for the Oct. 24th dance: P. Scheibelein will reserve DJ & sell tickets, K. Spangler will print tickets, permission slips and deliver to school office and prepare roster for dance, L. Marvin will order and deliver pizza and M. Kokofski will contact McDonald's for the punch, ice and cups.

***Election Bake Sale coverage:** Tuesday, November 4/08. P. Scheibelein and H. Pelletier will cover 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.; S. Dell will cover 9:00a.m. - 1:00p.m., L. Marvin will cover 12:00p.m. - 5:00 p.m. If any remaining items P. Scheibelein will cover after 5p.m.

B. SPECIAL EVENTS:

1. **Scarecrow Contest:** P. Scheibelein will submit application. Theme for this year: "ROCK THE VOTE – KIDS VOICES COUNT"

Membership:

C. The resignations of G. Peltier & Alle Floyd were accepted.

Next Agenda:

Further discussion of fundraising/student dances

Review of funds raised from Sept. and Oct. dances & Tag Sale.

Adjournment: M. Kokofski motioned to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. seconded by H. Pelletier.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Scheibelein