

YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES
September 18, 2008
7:00 p.m.

ATTENDING: Members: Rebecca Haberman, Joan Clementi, Pam Kane, Lori Mott, Sylvia Pabreza. Youth Liaisons: Christina Doucette, Kelly Scholl. Staff: June David-Fors.

Motion to open the meeting was made by Sylvia Pabreza, 2nd by Pam Kane.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve amended minutes was made by Pam Kane, seconded by Joan Clementi. Amended minutes deleted a sentence from the Grant Updates section: "Money has been received by the community."

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 16 at 7:00 PM.

WELCOME

- Joan Clementi reported the history of FYS to orient new members to the board.
- New officers were elected:
 - Becca Haberman, Chair
 - Lori Mott, Assistant Chair
 - Sylvia Pabreza, Secretary

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **Applefest Street Fair:** Parking, set up, games, prizes and volunteers were discussed. Becca will set up at 9:30, Pam will staff booth starting at 11:00, Lori and Sylvia will staff booth starting at 12:30.
- **Program Updates:**
 - Karen has 19 hours/15 cases, Laura has 4 cases and is working with Karen on others and June is managing 19.
 - Software for summary reports is proving to be a valuable tool. The software allows FYS to track counseling hours and clinical services. Specific forms can be created for each service provided by FYS. Information pertaining to each service can be tracked and compiled. FYS intern, Laura Brennismeyer, has been assisting with the software setup.
 - Laura will also provide counseling services in the schools during her scheduled days at FYS (Tuesdays and Wednesdays).
 - Fuel assistance program will begin November 1st.
 - The Rotary Club has notified FYS of their plans to hold a service auction in October. Proceeds from the auction will be used to assist families in the community. Rotary has asked FYS to be a referral source for families in need.

- June and Karen Kazarian are members on the Town Wellness Committee. Each month an event is sponsored. This month a Health Fair for Town Employees was held and positive feedback was received by employees who participated. Karen Kazarian also provided a Meditation Training Program during the event.
- FYS met with Benevolent Fund on behalf of two families in the community.

GRANT UPDATES

- Hiring of a consultant is underway for the first stage of implementing the Childhood Obesity Grant. The consultant will examine a wide variety of town features including walkways and school facilities. Following this assessment a strategic plan will be developed upon the completion of the grant cycle.
- Review of FYS' ongoing participation in the DOE Safe and Drug Free Schools Grant with Southborough, Grafton, Westborough and Shrewsbury. Discussion included a recap of the history of our participation in the grant. In addition, specifics about how the funding will be allocated and spent by the participating communities is still being determined. Some FYS staff members will attend a conference sponsored by the grant initiative in October 2008.

Motion at adjourn made at 8:50 p.m. by Joan Clementi, seconded by Pam Kane.