

YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING
Westborough Youth and Family Services Office
Room 21, Forbes Municipal Building
45 West Main Street, Westborough, MA
April 9, 2012
7:30 PM to 8:46 PM

PRESENT: Michelle Grasso, Judith Tully, Patricia Ainsleigh, Cameron Mattheson, Ritika Lahoty, Oscar Najarian

ABSENT: Andy Rosenshine, Christine Anthony, Casey Collins, Ali Strand

WYFS: John Badenhausen, Director
Cathy Cairns, Administrative Assistant

7:30 PM: MEETING OPENED/ MINUTES REVIEWED

Michelle called the meeting to order and the March minutes were reviewed. Judith made a motion to accept the minutes, Michelle seconded, and the minutes were accepted unanimously.

7:32 PM: REPORT FROM YOUTH MEMBERS

The youth members reported that the Junior Prom is May 18th and the Senior Ball is June 5th. Graduation is June 9th. Exams are also coming up. The group discussed the recent rash of robberies in town.

There are two possible candidates for the youth member positions for this coming Fall. John will send the notice that WYFS is accepting applicants for youth members to the high school and online media.

7:43 PM: SPRING FESTIVAL

The Rotary Club's Spring Festival is May 5th. The group decided to have a table from 9:30am - 1:30pm, dividing the time into two shifts: Set-up & morning: 9:30-11:30 and afternoon and take-down: 11:30-1:30pm.

Judith and Michelle volunteered to bring healthy snacks. Michelle will bring helium balloons to draw attention to the table. Ritika will loan her tent and Cathy will loan two tables. We will also set up the A-frame and hang the WYFS and HSN banners. Other items to bring include: bowls for snacks, office brochures, copies of the newsletter, rocks/weights to hold down brochures, lawn chairs to sit in, and Westborough Reads Together books.

Judith, Michelle and John will take the morning shift; Ritika, Patricia will take the afternoon. Cameron and Oscar are able to take either shift.

7:55 PM: JOB DESCRIPTIONS REVIEW

John reported that the revised Job Descriptions need to be approved by the Youth Commission before they can be approved by Human Resources. He said there are two changes to be made.

Change to "Counselor:" Under the heading "ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES," add the line: "Attends meetings and training programs at various locations across the state."

Change to "Admin. Asst.:" Under the heading "ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES," at the line "Records, writes, distributes...", remove the "Board" in the title of the Youth Commission.

Judith made a motion to accept the Job Descriptions with the noted changes. Patricia seconded the motion, and the revised Job Descriptions were accepted unanimously.

8:08 PM: RECREATION CENTER DISCUSSION

John reported that the Municipal Building Community will hold an open meeting on Tuesday, May 1 at 6:00pm in the Selectmen's Meeting Room for town residents to voice their opinions about the proposed Recreation Center. He feels it is important that Youth Commission members be present and offer their opinions.

The group discussed several ideas including:

- Creating a sub-committee to the Municipal Building Committee that will focus solely on the Recreation Center.
- Modeling a center after the Boys and Girls Club and contacting a local chapter to ask how they do it.
- Make the Recreation Center large enough to run tournaments so the Town can make money from the investment.
- Offer teens a place to hang out, as well as space for preschool activities.
- Consider locations other than Rogers Rd.
- Research area towns that have recreation/community centers to ask about their center's set-up, costs, etc. in order to present findings at the Municipal Building Committee meeting on May 1st.

John will research the towns of Natick and Sudbury; Judith will research Brookline, Andover and Burlington; Michelle will research Concord and Milford.

8:46 PM: MEETING ADJOURNED

NEXT MEETING – Monday, May 14, 2012 at 7:30 PM