

YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING
 Westborough Youth and Family Services Office
 Room 21, Forbes Municipal Building
 45 West Main Street, Westborough, MA
December 9, 2013
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

YOUTH COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Ainsleigh, Andy Rosenshine, Pranit Lahoty, Jack Chuma, Judith Tully, Corbin Whitaker.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Gerad Sokol, Robert Stout

WYFS:

John Badenhausen, Director
 Betheda Shuman, Counselor
 Eileen Reich, Counselor
 Cathy Cairns, Administrative Assistant

ABSENT:

Christine Anthony, Oscar Najarian and Meredith Wolpert

7:16 PM:

MEETING OPENED

Andy called the meeting to order. The November 2013 minutes were reviewed. Pranit made a motion to accept the minutes, Judith seconded, and the minutes were accepted unanimously. Andy started the introductions for the benefit of the new YC members.

7:20PM:

YOUTH REPORT

Seniors will begin to hear from colleges by mid-December.
 Winter sports are starting up, and Rec Ball is coming up.
 Progress reports will be coming out.

The freshman and sophomores semi-formal dance was held in the school lobby. The teachers stood watch around the dance floor, making some students feel uncomfortable.
 The school bands and choruses are preparing for the Holiday Concert.

7:30 PM:

PROPOSED YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The group reviewed the Youth Activities Coordinator job description so it could be used for both Hot Summer Nights and the new Youth Activities Coordinator position. It was decided the following two phrases should be omitted from the current job description:
 On page 1, under DEFINITION: "...during the summer months;"
 On page 1, under ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS: "...for summer vacation."

It was also decided to add that teens are involved in planning the activities. Only the YC youth members will be involved in organizing the program, but later on other teens can be involved.

Youth members suggested that dances would be successful events if they weren't held at the school.

The group decided that the program needs a name. John said we should hire someone for the position in mid to late August, after the HSN person is done for the year. This new Youth Activities Coordinator position will run from September through May—May is when the HSN position begins. The new position will have 12-15 hours a month or it could have more hours per month for a shorter period. The new position will add just under \$2000.00 to the budget.

The youth members will need to be prepared to discuss the program in front of the Board of Selectmen, so the group needs to prepare some examples of activities to present to the Selectmen.

Andy made a motion to make the changes to the Youth Activities Coordinator job description (remove references to summer); Judith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Pranit, Robert, Gerad, Jack and Corbin agreed to meet with John to create a description of the program and to put together some ideas of activities. They will choose a time to meet later.

7:53 PM: OTHER BUSINESS

Judith thanked everyone for their willingness to help with *In Your Shoes'* Polar Plunge fundraiser. Unfortunately, the event was cancelled due to the lack of plungers.

7:55 PM: BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNED

The group celebrated the holidays with delicious treats and a Yankee Swap.

NEXT MEETING – Monday, January 13^h 2014 at 7:30 PM