

YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING
 Westborough Youth and Family Services Office
 Room 21, Forbes Municipal Building
 45 West Main Street, Westborough, MA
April 13, 2015
7:31 PM to 8:43 PM

YOUTH COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tim Barton, Jennifer Lencioni, Judith Tully, Patricia Ainsleigh, Gerard Sockol, Lauren Schiffman, Corbin Whitaker

YOUTH COMMISSION VOLUNTEERS PRESENT: Katherine Burbank, Oscar Najarian

ABSENT: Arpita Joyce, Jorge Nario, Meredith Wolpert, Robert Stout, Daniel Moon,

WYFS: John Badenhause, Director
 Cathy Cairns, Admin. Asst.

7:31 PM: MEETING OPENED

Judith called the meeting to order. The March 2015 minutes were reviewed. Jenni made a motion to accept the minutes, Patricia seconded, and the minutes were accepted unanimously.

7:32 PM: YOUTH REPORT

It is now the fourth quarter and the seniors are less stressed about school. Competition Day is Friday. Each grade has a team that competes in unusual/silly sporting events.
 Junior Prom will be May 26. Senior Ball will be May 25 at Gillette Stadium.
 May 1 will be the Freshman and Sophomore dance.

7:39 PM: WHAT'S UP TONIGHT?

The Laser Tag event was a success. 20 kids participated.
 The committee had been researching the Knights of Columbus for a possible event, but they probably won't be enough time left (the HSN coordinator begins on May 18) before the WUT program will finish.
 The committee did talk about continuing the program next year. John asked that each member write down their thoughts and submit them to Taylor because she is putting together her report.

7:45 PM: ROTARY SPRING FESTIVAL

The Spring Festival is the weekend of May 1-3. The group decided we should have a booth. John will contact the Rotary to make sure we can have a space.
 Judith will organize the volunteers, and she will find out about borrowing a tent.
 Volunteers to be there are Oscar, Jenni, Patricia and Judith.

The group discussed having the WYFS logo, phone number and website on water bottles or single tissue packs, etc. for people to take, as well as snacks like Cliff bars.

Cathy will lend her two tables.

Cathy will check out the price of a banner at Staples.

7:55 PM: NEW YOUTH MEMBERS

So far one student has sent a letter of interest on joining the YC.

The YC will meet interested students at the May meeting.

7:59 PM: 2015 SERVICE LEVEL STUDY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Michele Grasso sent a letter of interest in joining the committee but was told her letter hadn't been received.

The Town Manager may be appointing the committee as early as this coming week.

He has not replied to Judith's request as to the names of those who have applied.

The Fall Town Meeting is usually on a Monday night the week after Columbus Day.

The sub-committee reported on their ideas on how to spread the word about who YFS is and what we do.

Many residents don't know about YFS.

Highlight that people can call YFS to get info for issues, and that appointments are available in a timely manner.

A lot gets done in our small dept.

YFS is a liaison with the schools, courts and police.

We offer Babysitter Training, the Free Holiday Store, Depression Screening and Hot Summer Nights.

"It happens in a moment" vignettes: loss of a job, problems with a child in court, depression.

"It takes a village": we all need support and we need to take care of our residents and community.

YFS helps a lot of different people with a lot of different issues.

YFS requires very little from the Town.

Possibly get personal stories from people who have been helped by YFS.

The YC should be ready to do a presentation for Fin Comm and the Fall Town Meeting with flyers that contain photos, blurbs and helpful phone numbers.

Our Fin Comm liaison, Lisa Blazejewski, said she will invite the YC to a Fin Comm meeting to do a presentation.

8:43 PM: MEETING ADJOURNED

NEXT MEETING – May 11th at 7:30 PM.