

Waterford Youth Services Bureau
Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Call to Order:

Chairperson Jody Nazarchyk called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm and a quorum was established.

Attendees:

Dani Gorman (YSB Director), Jody Nazarchyk (Chairperson), Ellen Bellos (Vice-Chairperson), Lisa Sachatello, Arianna Turello, Kyle Blatchford, Sheila Cash, Steve Whitehead, Chris Gigliotti and Maryanna Stevens

Absent:

Dan Steward, Brett Mahoney, Justin Barzcak, Dorothy Concascia, Michael Buscetto, Ryan McNamara, Kathy Peterson and Ron Fedor.

Maryanna Stevens: M. Stevens reported that Wayne Fraser is putting together a plan for the upcoming budget and capital improvement. She reported not to budget for the stipend and that Superintendent Thomas W. Giard III reports that money should be coming from a separate fund for mental health services. She also reported that D. Gorman should still request for a stipend and that it will go into the general fund. She finally noted to put in what we need for the upcoming budget as long as there is justification.

Public Input:

None

Motion #1

S. Cash made the motion to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2015. S. Whitehead seconded the motion.

Correspondence:

D. Gorman reported that a flyer was received from Uklejas Christmas Tree Farm for anyone interested in purchasing a tree this year. Also, 15 coats were donated from the New London Elks Lodge and both The Ladies Auxiliary of Goshen Fire Department and The Niantic Lions Club have donated gift cards.

Program Report:

C. Gigliotti reported that Stuff the Bus occurred on Friday, November 13th and was a huge success. The Radio City Christmas Spectacular bus trip to New York was on Saturday, November 14th chaperoned by Dottie Concascia and Phyllis Bartelli, the trip and show were both perfect ways to start the holidays. The next bus trip will be Elf the Musical on December 13th at Madison Square Garden. Registrations have started for 3 new afterschool programs starting in February and March; Kid-Creations, Tournament Tuesdays and Snack Attack. Homework Helpers will also continue on Thursdays starting January 14 until

the end of the school year. Registration has also started for a bus trip to Boston on March 4th to watch the Boston Celtics take on the New York Knicks.

Student Report:

A. Turello reported that Waterford High placed 3rd in the ECC video competition for Envision Kindness, an initiative which started in East Lyme. Students created a two minute video of original acts of kindness and were then placed on a website for public voting, followed by the top five videos judged by the likes of individuals from ESPN and CBS hit television show The Big Bang Theory. Waterford received a prize of \$300 for their placing. She also reported that beginning this quarter “Late-In” will begin on a trial basis which will allow seniors who have a study block first to arrive late to school.

Director's Report:

D. Gorman reported that holiday applications for senior citizens and the disabled will be done over the phone this year and that there are more deliveries, which will go out on Tuesday, November 24th for Thanksgiving. Pick-up dates for Christmas baskets and gifts will be on December 21st, 22nd and 23rd, she will put together times for volunteer students and seniors to come in to wrap gifts. She reported that a donation was received from Tom Harrington in the amount of \$600.00 and that she also would be reaching out to the Cactus Jack Foundation on how to help a local young lady who has been diagnosed with cancer. D. Gorman passed around her annual report, and mentioned that social service needs are up including counseling and assistance with heat and electricity. She will be meeting to look into bringing in a social worker, possibly an individual who will be shared with Senior Services.

Financial Report:

D. Gorman expressed concerns regarding the increase in the electricity bill possibly due to the replacement of the windows.

WADE Report

D. Gorman reported that Dancing with the Stars will return on February 19th, all proceeds will benefit mental health services. A discussion was opened on how much to charge for this event and it was decided \$2.00 for students and seniors and \$5.00 for adults. D. Gorman finally reported she will be meeting with Michele Devine of SERAC to implement a student survey within the schools beginning in December.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Motion #2

S. Whitehead made the motion to adjourn the meeting. E. Bellos seconded the motion. Vote unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dani Gorman
WYSB

Note: These minutes are scheduled for approval at the next Youth Service Bureau Advisory Committee Meeting.