Minutes for Waterford Youth Services Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday March 20, 2019


Absent: D. Steward, B. Mahoney, J. Barzczak, M. Buscetto, R. Fedor

Call to Order:

J. Nazarchyk called meeting to order at 5:32

Public Input:

No public input

Establish a Quorum:

J. Nazarchyk established quorum

Approve minutes from prior meeting:

The minutes from the last advisory board meeting was approved by K. Sullivan and seconded by E. Bellos.

Correspondence:

D. Gorman passed around letters and thank you cards from The Terri Broader Breast Cancer Walk, Addy Run, families from Youth Services Christmas Program. There was also a letter from Angela Rassumín-Spinnato for helping families in New London families during the holiday season.

Program Report:

D. Gorman introduced new program coordinator J. Trelli to members of the Advisory Board who had yet to meet him. D. Gorman reported that Youth Services was busy with Dancing with the Stars coming up Friday March 22nd and right after were heading into Camp DASH season. D. Gorman also stated that programs facilitated by J. Trelli were up and running and going well. J.Trelli informed the Advisory Board that the cartooning after school program was full with a wait list and another program Dungeon and Dragons after school program had eight signed up
and J. Trelli had stated he went over to Clark Lane Middle School to promote the program and was anticipating it filling up as well.

Student Report:

C. Chiappone reported that the boys Basketball Team had won the State Championship this past Sunday at the Mohegan Sun. Spring Sports had begun that past Saturday ad there was a meeting regarding the Softball Training Field. A. Moger reported that the dance show had been this past weekend as well. A. Moger also reported that SAT's would be held on April 9th and that core selection was last week at the high school with the addition of a Coastal Navigation choice. Alison Moger wanted to thank Youth Services for everything that they had done for the students at the high school in terms of counseling and mentoring. A. Moger stated that both head clinician Andy Stauton and J. Trelli have been coming over to meet with students.

Directors Report:

D. Gorman stated that Youth Services had been working hard on changing the name to Youth and Family Services. D. Gorman informed the board that there would be a public hearing on March 28th at 6pm at the Waterford Community center. D. Gorman repeated that Dancing with the Stars was this coming Friday March 22nd and it would be a very cute show with dancers from New London, East Lyme and Waterford schools involved.

Financial Report:

D. Gorman stated that transfers had to be made. The overtime line is overdrawn for Eileen Dishaw because of the absents of the Program Coordinator from the fall and winter of 2018 until January 2019 and due to being short staffed. D. Gorman stated that a new HVAC system had to be put in and should help with electrical but that the system was acting out of sorts. D. Gorman also reported that the Health Fair was going to take place at Clark Lane Middle School this year on May 17th and it was being paid for through the Local Prevention Grant. D. Gorman also stated that Youth Services was paying for two teachers to attend ‘True Colors’ at the University of Connecticut, D. Gorman stated that at least 92 students from Clark Lane Middle School would be attending and by doing this it helps strengthens the relationship between Youth Services and the schools.

Old Business:

D. Gorman reported that the food locker has been very busy, and that Youth Services has a staff person in the office who has taken over overseeing the running of the food lockers. The only glitch that has been reported is working with the sex offenders registration, stating that it takes
time after getting a resident in need of assistance information to looking up if they are on the CT Sex Offenders Registry; but said that the Waterford Police Department is very helpful in assisting when issues come up.

New Business:

D. Gorman said that J.Trelli was “tech savvy” and has been engaging with the IT Chairman B. Mahoney about advancing Youth Services IT procedures. J.Trelli stated that Youth Services would be trying to get a new program with the platform of making online registrations easier for both families signing up and Youth Services staff. With the new program, online registration would be able to transfer data to google sheets. J. Nazarchyk questioned if program was safe for users and if there would it cost extra money for families. D. Gorman stated that tickets for Dancing with the Stars were available for members of the advisory board. D. Gorman also stated that they were looking for seniors deserving of the Youth Services Scholarship for 2019.

WADE Coalition Report:

None

Motion to Adjure:

K. Sullivan motioned to adjourn with D. Concascia seconded. Meeting adjured at 6:01 pm

Respectfully submitted by Meaghan Lineburgh Waterford Youth Services