

YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES COMMISSION

Minutes

September 4, 2018

Meeting

Present: Tyler Booth, Bevan Moore, Ann Purcell Murray, Bonnie Fierravanti, Karen Boisvert, Sam Wilcox, Rev. Larissa Forsythe, Kreg O'Brien

Excused: Natalie Cook, Angela Phelan, Ann Mount, Anna Carlson, Pastor Mat Samuelson, Lillian Tanski, Durlene Mikkelsen

Staff Present: Ginny Burgess, Jason Stankowski

Meeting called to order at 6:39 pm by Bevan Moore, Chairperson.

Minutes:

Tyler Booth made a motion to accept the July 10, 2018 minutes as written. Motion seconded by Bonnie Fierravanti. Motion Approved. Voting "yes" were Tyler Booth, Bevan Moore, Ann Purcell- Murray, Bonnie Fierravanti and Karen Boisvert.

Staff Report:

Ginny Burgess reported that Youth and Family Services has two new staff members. Patricia Parks joined the staff as a Clinical Social Worker in late July. Robert Haswell joined the staff today as a Clinical Social Worker and Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator. Ginny also presented updated information on the Park and Recreation Department programs. Some of the programs mentioned were coffee house, the skate park, teen trips and a special needs social group. Jason Stankowski provided a list of programs that are offered through Creative Experiences. Some of the programs listed are YSAG, Drumming Group, ACE and Social Club.

Goals:

Update on Community Service Opportunities:

Several ideas were discussed by commission members for community service opportunities. Commission members suggested having four different types of community service. This way youth have a choice for their volunteer activity. Suggestions were visiting with seniors in long term care facilities, helping seniors with yard work, helping serve food to the homeless and collecting food/clothing, etc. for those in recovery. Contact was made with Glastonbury Health Center and it was reported they are open to having high school students volunteer. Commission members agreed to contact organizations to ask questions about their volunteer policies and how to go about setting up for youth volunteers to begin in the spring. Jason Stankowski offered to supervise the program and suggested a weekly program on Fridays.

Plan for Arts and Crafts Supplies Drive:

Commission members discussed possibilities for seeking donations for art supplies. One suggestion was having arts and crafts packages to choose from at an event such as the fall play or another community event. Commission members brainstormed what events may be appropriate. Each package would include a set of supplies for a certain cost. People could make donations with an order form and staff would purchase the items chosen. Another suggestion was asking the schools if donation boxes could be placed in the school and the SRO would collect the donations and deliver them to Youth and Family Services.

Open Agenda:

Ginny Burgess shared the art work that was done by a group of youth in our Arts in the Park program this summer. The youth made a welcoming sign for the arts and crafts studio that will be placed on the wall.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Boisvert, Acting Secretary