



Montville Youth Advisory Board

Minutes

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April 11, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Fair Oaks

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Chairman: Daniel Dunn, Brianne Messer, Officer Karen Aleshire, Tim Shanahan, Susan Rickards, Dan Boisvert, William Carlos, Loretta Drain, Micah Messer

Also Present: MYSB Director Barbara Lockhart, Town Council Liaison Councilman Nick Sabilia, MYSB Administrative Assistant Dianne Peltier, Mayor Lenny Bunnell

Absent: Vouise Fonville, Youth Liaisons Josie English and Adam Sheridan

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

I. Chairman's Report (Dan Dunn)

- Communications/Correspondence
 - Dan called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and welcomed newest member Micah Messer
- Other Business to Report
 - Elections – Karen made a motion for Dan Dunn to remain as Chairman, Tim 1st, Susan 2nd, Dan accepted. Karen made a motion for Dan Boisvert to remain as Vice Chairman, Tim 1st, Brianne 2nd, Dan accepted. Karen made a motion for Brianne Messer as an alternate for Secretary, Tim 1st, Susan 2nd, Brianne accepted

II. Town Council Liaison Update (Nick Sabilia)

- Not much to report other than it's budget time, Mayor added that although the upcoming year is going to be a tough one, youth services budget should hold up

III. New Business

- SERAC Trainings
 - Fentanyl April 16th, virtual and would need to register, also can come out and train your place of employment, Barb shared with Chief of Police and Fire, open to all
- LADC
 - Community wide addiction counseling funded by Federal Opioid Funds, active search for someone to fill that position as a 1099, not as a town employee, Fair Oaks could be an option for space, transportation issues may be a problem
- Tower Project
 - So excited to work with Dave Waddington to restore the tower on Route 163 which has been an eyesore for many years

- Montville Youth Services Penny Drive will be the seed money for the project
- Goal is to restore and make it into something Montville can be proud of
- Committee is forming with town and community members, first meeting 4/17
- YSB Day at the Capitol
 - April 24th – MYSB will be bringing 5 kids
 - There will be a legislative panel and a student panel with conversation based on the Dalio Report, Josie English (YAC member) will be coming up with questions
- Suicide Prevention Signs
 - YAC came up with the idea of putting Suicide 988 signs near trails and bridges, about 10 locations, some of the SOR money will be used for this project
- Summer Community Booklet
 - Should be in mailboxes on May 2, lots of great info from town departments
- Drug Take Back Day
 - April 27th at the Public Safety Building, billboard is up
 - DMHAS SOR grant was used to buy prescription lock boxes with info inside as well

IV. Old Business

- ASP Updates
 - Very active, basketball hoop and volleyball net have been awesome! The gym is hopping! Homework room is full and Friday art with Michelle is amazing!
- Mobile Van
 - Quarterly report coming, remain steady
- Penny Drive
 - Seed money for the tower project, looking for bigger sponsors
- Blood Drive
 - 15 participants which saves about 50 lives
- Shamrock Shakes
 - Huge success as always, kudos to the cops for coming and hanging with the kids for a bit, so important to build those relationships
- Chris Herren
 - Presented to high school and 7 & 8 graders at Tyl, over 1,000 people in attendance, powerful message and very well received, already receiving emails from concerned high school students while Chris was at Tyl
 - High school conducted a survey, waiting on results

- Ben Cort
 - Zoom with about 100 participants – impact of legalization of marijuana, what they learned from Colorado

V. YAC (Youth Action Council) (Adam Sheridan & Josie English)

- Working on dangers of energy drinks and organizing a World Café with middle school
- Adam and Josie were not at the meeting so will report more next month

VI. Good & Welfare

- Mayor's assistant is retiring after 13 years, we will miss her!

VII. JRB Update (Cases, Dispositions, Referrals)

- Cases
 - Lots of new cases, some challenging
 - Just came from a review and happy to report a wonderful success story

VIII. Other Business

- Grants (State & Local)
 - YSB line item slight increase
- Budgets (State & Local)
 - Under review locally, YSB is always fiscally responsible

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Susan 1st, Karen 2nd
Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

XI. Next Meeting

- Thursday, May 9, 2024 – 6:00pm Montville Community Center

Submitted by Dianne Peltier, Administrative Assistant MYSB