



Montville Youth Advisory Board Minutes

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6:00 p.m.

Montville Community Center

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

Also Present: MYSB Director Barbara Lockhart, Liaison Councilman Robert Yuchniuk, Youth Liaisons Brendan Duhamel & Addie Concascia, Dianne Peltier (MYSB Administrative Assistant)

Absent: William Carlos and Vouise Fonville

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

I. Chairman's Report (Dan Dunn)

- Communications/Correspondence
- Other Business to Report – Dan shared an image of a pencil tip with a pea size amount of fentanyl on it showing this is all it takes to kill someone. He thought it would be a great billboard idea.

II. Town Council Liaison Update (Robert Yuchniuk)

- Shared budget information – Dare increased by \$2,500, YSB overtime was decreased by \$1,000 (less use). Barb mentioned the reason why it was not used was due to the pandemic and no reason for overtime during that time (programs were limited).

III. New Business

- Town Budget Update
 - Reiterated what Robert reported and added she did not meet with the Finance Committee so was blindsided by the decrease in the overtime line item.
- Community Survey (SERAC)
 - SERAC regularly conducts surveys of youth in our region to learn about their attitudes, perceptions and practices with respect to substance use, problem gambling and mental health, this one is for all community members. Results help with programs and trainings. Community with most participation earns \$1,000!
- ASP 2022-2023
 - Re-registration underway – may extend another week.
- Fall Guest Speakers & Events
 - Montville - a sustainable CT town – Barb is on a planning committee which has been put together to help meet certain action items which earns points which leads to other funding streams. The My Ascension film and the Farmer's Market for the community have met some of the actions items for example.
 - Barb also asked YAC for their input on speakers they may want to hear from. Looking into untapped groups (not inclusive enough).
 - Robert suggested bringing in firefighters/first responders as speakers. Great for recruitment as well.
- United Way & Your Voice Counts Opportunity (PSA)

- Scott Umbel reached out to Barb – found us on our social media pages. Handpicked 5 agencies and MYSB was one of them for a chance to win \$10,000! He loved what our YAC kids have been doing in regards to mental health initiatives
- Opportunity for the kids to create a curriculum not funded by the government or any political platform. Another goal is to create a 20 second PSA which will impact at least 8-15 students. We can do better!

IV. Old Business

- Podcast Recruitment
 - Grace can no longer make the commitment. Looking for a one or two kids to take it on.
- Summer Center Update
 - Spots are filling up – Police are on board for the trips.
- Lunch & Learn Update
 - Equity Tool Kit – great idea, fall topics – racial/equity equality, looking into asking Janelle Posey-Green to come in and speak
- Benefit Concert Update
 - Kane Brown, Walker Hayes and Raelyn – great concert, great food and great turnout!
- Newest Trainings & Certifications
 - SERAC trainings are available and free. Looking into more trainings in the future.

V. YAC (Youth Action Council) (Brendan Duhamel Report)

- Will be participating in the Farmer's Market on June 28 – Mental Health info
- Penny Drive collected \$450 which will be used to donate toilet paper, feminine products & Walmart gift card to St. Vincent De Paul – adding positive quotes too!
- Looking forward to working on the grant for United Way
- Will be repainting the crosswalks in the fall

VI. Good & Welfare

- Penny Drive
- \$200 donation from the Mohegan Pequot Lions

VII. JRB Update (Cases, Dispositions, Referrals) – looking to rename in the future

- Cases
 - Very busy! Marijuana law is very frustrating!, Breach of peace cases are being reviewed. Overall very successful with diversion.
- Restorative Practice Trainings 2022 Update – Resuming in the fall of 2022

VIII. Other Business

- Grants (State & Local)
- Budgets (State & Local)
 - YSB's staying whole
 - Plus 3 infusions to cost sharing, enhancement & JRB

X. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:12, 1st Karen, 2nd Tim

XI. Next Meeting September 8, 2022 – 6:00pm Montville Community Center

Submitted by Dianne Peltier, Administrative Assistant MYSB