



Montville Youth Advisory Board

Minutes

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March 12, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chairman: Daniel Dunn, Susan Rickards, Vouise Fonville, Tim Shanahan (late), Officer Karen Aleshire, Lilian Corrice, Sheelagh Lapinski, Brianne Messer

Also Present: MYSB Director Barbara Lockhart and Liaison Councilman Lenny Bunnell

Absent: Bethany Caron, Dan Boisvert and William Carlos

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

I. Chairman's Report

- Bylaws- nominations coming up
- Questions about programs during COVID-19 – the Mayor called Barb to see where she stood as far as events, activities and ASP program, Public Works Department dropped off more hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, Barb suggested activities for parents if school closes

II. Town Council Liaison Updates

- Talked to the Mayor as well regarding COVID-19 and no changes as of right now
- Reported to Council about the Penny Drive Play Day Movie Event is not open to the public so there is no concern about it exceeding 100 people

III. New Business

A. Shamrock Shakes

- Scheduled for March 17, 2020 but will not take place if there is no school

B. Kindness Initiative Billboard

- Kids voted on 3 taglines: Kind > Cool, Kindness over everything and Kindness matters – Kind > Cool won
- Maple Avenue Billboard – will stay up for at least 4 weeks but could be longer depending on another group renting it

C. Drug Take Back Day 2020

- April 25, 2020 at the Senior Center
- Funded by State Opioid Grant
- Co-op Event – Middle School kids helping

- D. Focus Group
 - March 23, 2020 at Montville High School
 - Sponsored by SERAC
 - Topic – Youth Depression Stigma/Mental Health
 - Closed group – will create an action plan when completed

- E. Hidden in Plain Sight – TBA
 - Mock teen bedroom with 22 hidden items (substance abuse) for parents to navigate through

- F. Screenagers Film – TBA
 - Next chapter – depression/mental health – Barb will update at a later date

- G. Tower Project Initiative
 - Water tower by Yales – need a 501c3 involved for an environmental beautification project. Eversource reached out to MYSB which is not a 501c3 but would like to be involved. Would like to paint and possibly sand blast and maybe have a contest on a design for the tower

- H. Blood Drive
 - April 16, 2020 at the Community Center
 - Possibly battle of the badges police vs fire
 - Barb will get more details

IV. Old Business

- A. Letters from Santa was a success. Mailbox came out great!
- B. Crosswalk Project
 - Community Center – painted maybe over spring break rainbow with clouds and kindness quote, members from YAC & Police will join together in this project. YAC members will try to get paint donated

V. YAC (Youth Action Council)

High School

- A. Community Kindness Initiative
 - Tagline – Kind > Cool
 - High School YAC is mentoring middle school YAC

- B. Crosswalk
 - Crosswalk in front of Community Center will be painted in the spring

- C. World Cafe
 - Collected data from kids at the Youth Center and the middle school – subject: what they like and dislike about their school and what excites them about going into high school

Middle School

- A. Penny Play Day – beginning stages
- B. Working with High School YAC on Community Kindness Initiative
- C. World Cafe
- D. Working on communication and listening skills – how to present yourself in a professional meeting

VI. Good & Welfare

- No report

VII. JRB Update (Cases, Dispositions, Referrals)

- A. Cases
 - 4 new cases very busy
 - Restorative justice training – Officer Aleshire attended
 - DCF contract renewed

VIII. Grants

- A. Grants (State & Local)
 - Mayor asked Barb to help write STEAP Grant
- B. Budgets (State & Local)
 - No Report

IX. Other Business

- A. Karen mentioned that starting next year seniors will be CPR-First Aid as part of their gym class. Narcan training would be great as well.

X. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm

XI. Next Meeting

April 9, 2020 at 6:00pm

Respectfully Submitted: Brie Messer
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