



TOWN OF MANSFIELD
OFFICE OF THE YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU

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Youth Service Bureau Coordinator

YSB Advisory Minutes
June 11, 2013
12:00 noon @ Mansfield Town Hall
Conf. Rm. B

Board Members

Present:

Ethel Mantzaris, Chair
Kathy McNamara, YSB Social Worker
Genevieve Rigler, E.O.Smith High School Student
Chuck Leavens, E O Smith Counselor
Frank Perrotti, Assistant Chair, Resident
Patricia Michalak, YSB Coordinator
Eileen Griffin, LCSW
Bill Callahan, Recreation Department
Curt Vincente, Recreation Department

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 12:00 PM by Ethel Mantzaris.

II. Approval of minutes

- May 14, 2013 minutes were approved.

III. Reports

May 2013 Activities

- CYSA: Sharry Goldman was honored with this year's CYSA Friend's of Youth Services Award as a visionary and supporter of Mansfield's youth for over 30 years. Among her accomplishments are the Safe Homes program, Adventure Learning program, service on the Mansfield Board of Education where Sharry worked to implement Spanish language instruction in the elementary schools. Sharry worked 10 years helping establish Mansfield's Community and Fitness Center and supported a skate part for the region's youth by grant-writing. Most recently Sharry has volunteered with the YSB Grief Matters' Children's support group on Sunday evenings for the past 3 years.

- Grief Matters: Sharry Goldman was instrumental in writing a mini grant for suicide prevention this year. We hope to use this grant to expand our Grief Matters program to assist families year round through monthly support groups.
- Grandparent's Raising Grandchildren: Grandparents are planning for their last meeting in June. They will have a guest speaker and a barbeque.
- Cope: End of the year celebrations at all of the schools including speeches by the fourth graders and ending activities summing up the years' experience.
- Challenge: Students have been chosen and have met with the Challenge coordinator. Additional funding for this year's program has not been added to the town budget. The program will run this year utilizing funds from next year's budget. We are exploring additional ways in which to fund this very successful program for next year.
- Camperships: Campership funding is in transition and as a result we have limited funding for this year's camperships. We will work with the school nurses to provide opportunities for a few students.
- Cope: YSB along with the MMS counselors are planning an August school visit for the Cope students who are entering the 5th grade. This visit will include a meet and greet with the counselors, a tour of the school and lunch. The intent of this visit is to help with the transition to the middle school for students who may need some additional attention to this matter.

IV. Old Business:

Open positions: YSB social work position has been advertised, applications are coming in and interviews will be on July 9th, 2013.

V. New Business:

Discussion regarding fundraising. Explored whether we should email all families asking if they need financial assistance paying for summer camp. Should we fundraise by program or send out one mailing. Curt V. Bill Callahan Pat M and Mary Stanton will meet to come up with a plan to present to the board.

VI. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m. Sept 10th, 2013 is the next meeting.