

Madison County Youth Board Meeting Minutes
5:30 pm, Supervisors Conference Room, 2nd Floor
County Office Building, Wampsville
March 9, 2017

Members:

Beth Totten, Donna Cashman, Sydney Foster, John Olmsted, Sharon Taylor, Jo Perkins

Staff:

Joanne Eddy and Tina Louis

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m.

1. Approve Minutes from the February 7, 2017 meeting:

Motion made by Beth to accept the minutes of the February 7, 2017 meeting as presented; seconded by Sydney; unanimously approved.

2. Establish Funding Allocations for 2017 Youth Development Program Funding:

Joanne reported that neither Ron nor Freeda were going to be able to attend the meeting but wanted the opportunity to vote. The Board agreed that Ron and Freeda would be provided with the funding recommendations from this evening and that the allocations would not be considered final until both Ron and Freeda had provided an electronic vote on each of the recommendations.

There is \$55,000 of 2017 Youth Development Program funds to allocate. After removing the Jim Marshall Farms Foundation and Creative Critters 4-H funding requests from the mix, there remains \$78,980 in agency funding requests. The Jim Marshall Farms Foundation and Creative Critters 4-H were both notified that they were not selected to go further in the process. Presentations were made by remaining agencies on February 14th.

Joanne suggested options to the Board of how they might want to approach the process. The group would set tentative allocations. Allocations can be changed at any point until all on the Board are satisfied with the results. Joanne stated that any proposals that are lacking in content but who the Board decided the concept is worthwhile and want to fund, she will sit down with the agency and work with them to get a more complete scope of services developed.

Discussion began with the Common Grounds Multi-generational Afternoon Clubs. After some discussion the Board agreed to remove this proposal from further consideration.

Motion made by Jo to remove Common Grounds Multi-generational Afternoon Clubs from discussion and allocate zero dollars for the 2017 funding allocations; seconded by Sydney; unanimously approved.

The Board agreed that they wanted to try to allocate some funds to all of the remaining applicants. The Board stated they would like to discuss the ACT for Youth proposal next. At this time Joanne, Tina, Sydney and John excused themselves. Discussion continued with the remaining Board members. After discussion those excused were invited back into the room.

Motion made by Beth to allocate \$8,000 to the ACT for Youth proposal; seconded by Jo; unanimously approved.

The Board moved on to discussion regarding the Catholic Charities At-Risk Case Management program. Their request was for \$15,000, which was \$3,000 over the suggested cap. This program was funded through the Sexually Exploited Youth funding last year. Approximately \$20,000 went toward staffing last year with unspent money at the end of the year being used to buy promotional materials.

Motion made by Beth to allocate \$10,000 as a starting point for the Catholic Charities At-Risk Case Management program; seconded by Donna; unanimously approved.

Discussion moved to Community Action Program's Volunteer Mentoring Program. The program has provided consistent deliverables.

Motion made by Donna to fund Community Action Program's Mentoring Partnership at their requested amount of \$12,000; seconded by Sydney; unanimously approved.

Discussion moved to the programs submitted by the municipalities of Hamilton, Lenox and Sullivan. The Board discussed trying to keep the allocations more consistent for similar type programs for continuity's sake. Suggestions ranged from \$6,000 to \$7,000 with the remaining amount being allocated to the Haven at Skanda.

Discussion then focused on the Haven at Skanda Summer at Skanda Farm proposal. The Board agreed there was a lot of potential with the proposal, but it needs additional work to be ready for the summer and their budget request was too high.

Discussion switched back to determining a fair allocation amount for all the recreation programs. After additional discussion of funding amounts the following motions were proposed:

Motion made by Donna to fund the Village of Hamilton Summer Youth Recreation at \$6,000; seconded by Jo; unanimously approved.

Motion made by Sydney to fund the Town of Lenox Skate Park Youth Employment Program at \$7,500; seconded by Jo; unanimously approved.

Motion made by Beth to allocate \$6,000 to the Town of Sullivan Parks and Recreation Department Summer Playground Program; seconded by Donna; unanimously approved.

Discussion regarding the motion for the Haven at Skanda was initiated. As John felt this was a conflict of interest he excused himself.

Motion made by Jo to fund the Haven at Skanda Summer at Skanda Farm program at \$5,500; seconded by Beth; John abstained; all remaining approved.

John was invited to return.

At this point all available funds had been allocated and all were satisfied with the amounts. Joanne asked the Board to come up with a contingency plan to divide up the money should the Haven at Skanda say that they cannot run their proposed program for the \$5,500 allocated.

Motion made by Donna that if the Haven at Skanda should not accept the funding allocated that the \$5,500 should be split with Catholic Charities receiving \$12,000, the Village of Hamilton receiving \$7,000, and the remaining funds split between Sullivan and Lenox each receiving \$1,750 additional dollars equating to \$7,750 and \$9,250 respectively; seconded by Beth; unanimously approved.

Joanne reminded the Board that these allocations would not be considered final until Ron and Freeda had an opportunity to vote. (***) Both Ron and Freeda submitted electronic votes on 3/10/17 confirming their support for all funding recommendations made by the Board).

3. Director's Report:

Joanne thanked the Board for their efforts. In the interest of the time spent on the funding decisions Joanne decided to defer her report until the next meeting.

4. Youth Development Specialist's Report:

Tina shared that she is presenting on Friday to Chittenango High School government classes in order to promote the Exploring County Government program.

Tina noted that just prior to the meeting Year 2 Leadership students Sydney and John read to children for the second time at the Chittenango Childcare Center. Both Sydney and John shared their thoughts about the program.

5. Miscellaneous:

Joanne reminded the Board that if they had not completed their paperwork from the County Attorney's Office that they needed to do so. The deadline is March 14th.

6. Next Meeting:

Joanne again thanked the Board for all of the time and effort that they had put into determining the funding allocations. As a reward, and because she didn't anticipate that there would be anything major to report in April, there will not be a Youth board meeting in April. Therefore, the next meeting will be **Tuesday, May 2nd, 5:30 p.m.**

Beth made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Sydney. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Tina Louis