

Madison County Youth Board Meeting Minutes
5:30 pm, Supervisors Conference Room, 2nd Floor
County Office Building, Wampsville
April 5, 2016

Members:

Cole Jackson, Kalila Lehner, Carol Musacchio, Sharon Taylor, Jo Perkins, Beth Totten

Staff:

Joanne Eddy and Tina Louis

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

1. Approve Minutes from the March 1, 2016 meeting:

Motion made by Jo to accept the March 1, 2016 minutes as presented; seconded by Carol; unanimously approved.

2. Director's Report:

Programs Allocated 2016 Funding: All of the organizations accepted the amounts the board voted on and said they can do programs with what was provided. All have submitted new budgets. All program contracts will be going through next week's Board of Supervisors meeting for final approval. The two who were not funded were very gracious about it. Joanne thanked the board for their time and attention in this process.

2016/2017 NYS Budget Update: The state budget put in all the restorations plus an extra \$412,000 for Youth Development funding. The extra \$412,000 will be divided up amongst all of the counties based on their youth population. Joanne does not believe we will get enough extra to fund another program. The extra will be used to support the Youth Bureau's administrative costs. The RHYA money was restored.

Joanne stated that if anyone is interested in doing site evaluations (Program Quality Assessment) for the summer programs to let her know. We can coordinate with people's schedules. Being an evaluator requires completion of an online training to understand the language and to practice observational techniques. Programs needing to be evaluated this summer are the Smithfield Community Summer Youth Service Program, the Village of Hamilton Summer Youth Recreation Program's Red Cross certified swim lessons, and the Town of Sullivan Parks and Recreation Department.

3. Youth Development Specialist's Report:

Exploring County Government: Five Stockbridge students are enrolled in the spring session. The group has completed department visits to the courts, Clerk's, and Sheriff's Office and will be going to the landfill this week. All have completed job shadows in county departments. Students are tasked with completing an active citizenship initiative which includes completion of a community assessment, SWOT analysis and action plan to address a need in their community. Students also wrote resolutions which they will defend tomorrow. The last two sessions include tours of DSS, Highway and Employment and Training/Department of Labor, preparation and facilitation of their own mock board meeting, and presentations on their initiatives.

Leadership Groups:

Year 1 update: Cazenovia continues to have about 7 students attending program. A recruitment session was held today to talk about the program with sixteen 8th graders. Students will go to Burton Street Elementary in April to facilitate activities with kindergarten through 4th graders. Chittenango's group has about 8 students regularly attending. They will go to Bridgeport in May to facilitate workshops with 3rd and 4th graders. Both groups will attend a Career Exploration field trip on May 5th

to learn about careers and education needed to be employed in county departments. Students will visit the landfill, the Sheriff's Office, courts and highway, and will also learn about Social Services.

Year 2 update: Tina is working to set up service activities in Cazenovia and Chittenango with members from both schools. Four students will be volunteering at the Art Park in Cazenovia tomorrow. In Chittenango, Kalila and Cole talked about Year 2's efforts with Make A Wish. On March 21st four Year 2 students completed four presentations with 10th grade English classes. During the last presentation of the day students were able to meet and co-present with Wish Kid Beca Lloyd. Art completed by Wish Kid Isabelle Storey is displayed outside the library. They are also selling bracelets for \$1.00 each to raise money. Students will also present at the Make A Wish event at the Sullivan Free Library on May 3rd. The event will run from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and will include an art display, animals from The Wild in Chittenango and refreshments. Everyone is invited to attend as there will not be a board meeting at this time.

4. Miscellaneous:

Nothing to report.

5. Next Meeting – June 7, 2016 (Note – no meeting is scheduled for May)

Beth made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Jo seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Tina Louis