

**Madison County Youth Board Meeting Minutes**  
**5:30 pm, Supervisors Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
**County Office Building, Wampsville**  
**April 7, 2015**

**Members:**

Dawn Post, Jill Moore, Sharon Taylor, Carol Musacchio, Jo Perkins

**Staff:**

Joanne Eddy and Tina Louis

**Guest:**

Maureen Campanie, BRiDGES, Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse

*The meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m.*

**1. Maureen Campanie, BRiDGES:**

Maureen read from a prepared statement in response to the Life Skills Program not being funded by the Youth Board for 2015. Copies of the statement were distributed to the Board.

After Maureen left the Board was asked if anyone would like to revisit the proposal. The Board agreed they had already spent a lengthy amount of time reviewing the proposal over two meetings and would uphold their decision to not fund the program for 2015.

**2. Approval of Minutes:**

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

**3. Canastota Library Ready, Set, Robotics Revised Budget:**

Upon request of the Board the Canastota Library was asked to determine if they needed additional money to run the program. The Library submitted a revised budget page and accompanying justification. The Board commented that the Library did a good job of being thorough with the new budget. Joanne shared that the Library was very happy to be given the opportunity to revise the budget and would most likely continue the program through the school year.

Jo made a motion to give the full amount of \$5,000 as reflected in the revised budget and justification; seconded by Jill; unanimously approved.

**4. Youth Development Specialist's Report**

Tina presented on the progress of the Leadership Programs in Chittenango and Canastota for the first quarter with an accompanying PowerPoint.

Chittenango Year 1 students have completed lessons in teambuilding, making a good first impression, presentation skills, the importance of honesty, and have begun planning for a workshop for the Health and Wellness Fair at Bridgeport Elementary School. Chittenango Year 2 completed monthly service visits to Wanderers Rest. Additional service included making Boo Boo Bunnies and completing the mailing for the Chittenango Bridgeport Dollars for Scholars fund drive. Students also were offered a presentation from the Steps to End Homelessness Program of Community Action Partnership regarding what it would be like to be homeless. The group hopes to work with STEHP on a project in the future. Habitat for Humanity will present in April on the Veterans Build currently underway in

Chittenango. There are also cleanups in Chittenango that the group may attend. One student from Year 2 is also active as a volunteer for ATUPA (Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention Act) and has gone out twice to do compliance checks at retailers who sell tobacco. Although both programs at Chittenango are small in number the students being referred to the program are a good fit.

Cazenovia is a pilot for the Year 1 program this school year. Six students are actively involved in the program. Students completed lessons in making a good first impression, the importance of honesty, anger management, and conflict resolution. The group facilitated two activities with Burton Street Elementary School students at their Health and Wellness Day. Students will present at an information session in May to students interested in joining the program in the fall. Tina met with the Cazenovia High School Success Team in January to review progress of the program. The SST is made up of counselors, administration and student support staff. Tina also met with the Coordinator of Service Learning at Common Grounds to determine if a partnership on a summer program could happen. The Coordinator works through the school year on service activities, which is much like the Year 2 component of the Leadership Program. Partnering would alleviate duplication of services.

Year 1 Leadership group members from both schools will be on the county campus on May 1<sup>st</sup> to participate in career exploration. They will visit with staff from five county departments (Solid Waste, Sheriff's Office, Highway, Courts and DSS), learn about jobs within each department, and learn about the education needed for various positions. Three Chittenango Year 2 students will complete job shadows the same day in Environmental, DSS, 911, and the Sheriff's Office.

In addition to the above activities with Leadership one student not already involved with the Youth Bureau completed a full day shadow in the Sheriff's Office.

Suggestions were made by the Board regarding service involvement in Special Olympics, scarf making, special education classes, The Wild, and Make a Wish. Tina will follow up on these activities to determine if service can be completed in these areas.

##### **5. Miscellaneous:**

Joanne shared that the Youth Bureau started partnering with Cornell Cooperative Extension on their Local Government Intern (LGI) program a few years ago when they had staffing issues. The program includes tours of county departments and learning about government. Over time, fewer schools have offered busing, but Cazenovia continues to bus and offers credit to students. Canastota buses and offers independent study. Students from other schools drive themselves, but are not offered credit. CCE cancelled the spring session a while ago due to staffing issues. There have been schools interested in participating in spring. Joanne announced that the Youth Bureau would offer a new program called Exploring Local Government starting spring 2016. This will provide an additional option for students who cannot fit the program into the fall schedule. Cazenovia is on board for spring. Staff shared that the program actually frees up classroom space and saves on the costs of teaching staff. This fall, CCE will have another staffing change with respect to the LGI program.

Joanne announced that OCFS has given the Youth Bureau \$35,000 for a one year one time grant for Safe Harbor funding for sexually exploited youth. The original funding in the state budget went to big metropolitan areas to work with sexually exploited youth, runaway and homeless youth, and trafficking. Ten projects have been funded upstate. The money must be spent by December. This

funding is not held to the original parameters of Safe Harbor so the Youth Bureau will not be asked to do a count. It will be used to tack on to the existing RHY program for enhanced outreach and promotion, as well as training and a one day multi county conference in the fall on sexually exploited youth. To run the money through the county is difficult so a separate contract will be done with Catholic Charities. This is a one shot deal to infuse the program with materials and resources for promotion.

On May 5<sup>th</sup> there will be a trade show at Turning Stone. The Youth Bureau offered to help last year with tearing down the show and helping the Red Cross to claim leftover items. Items not needed by the Red Cross were distributed to youth programs. We were very fortunate to use these items as prizes for the Youth Tent last year and hope to do so again. The work is difficult and the Red Cross needs help, so we are forming a team from the Youth Bureau and Community Action Partnership programs to help recover remaining items. Anyone interested in helping to pack and load items on May 5<sup>th</sup> should contact Tina by the week before to organize our team.

Sharon announced that the two male campers from Oneida who submitted applications were approved for Tim Horton Camp. Camp will run from July 17<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> at Camp Kentahten in Campbellsville, Kentucky. The two girls who attended camp last year will be invited to Leadership Camp during their high school years. They can attend four straight years as long as they still meet the financial criteria. This is the 40<sup>th</sup> year for the camps with a new camp being built right now. The first Wednesday in June is Camp Day on which restaurant owners donate 100% of their coffee proceeds to the Tim Horton Foundation. June 3<sup>rd</sup> will be Camp Day this year.

July 11<sup>th</sup> is Youth Day at the Madison County Fair. On the Saturday of the Fair the Youth Bureau runs the tent all day and invites not for profits to have booths with children's activities while promoting their programs. The tent is all free with about 10 organizations involved. Some groups have already committed to be involved this year. Many booths bring young people with them to interact with youth.

**6. Next Meeting – June 2nd, 2015, 5:30 p.m., Supervisors Conference Room**

There will not be a May meeting.

**Sharon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jo seconded.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted by Tina Louis**