

Youth Advisory Board Minutes
November 30, 2010

Present: Barbara Ruhe, Debra Hammer, Mary Ellen Gregorio, Gretchen Schultz, Victoria Borkowski, Junito Mendez, Nancy Stilwell (Staff)

Absent: Patti Tiberio, Mike Verderame, Mike Hurley, Joe Bruno

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

A motion was made by Deb Hammer to accept the minutes of the Nov 30, 2010 meeting as printed. Second by Barbara Ruhe – motion passed unanimously.

An update of membership was provided. Gretchen and Mary Ellen will be formally appointed at the next council meeting, January 10, 2011. Updated contact information was obtained from all members. New members are still needed - especially from the schools.

Nancy Stilwell gave an update on Youth Services:

- The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving approved our request to use the Salter Fund revenue to support a 6th grade transition program. \$4,000 was received and deposited in the YAB account. The Department is waiting to hear from Mike Emmett, Asst Superintendent about moving ahead with the program. Time is very short and it is imperative that we begin immediately if we are to have a program this spring.
- The Department had many requests for Christmas gifts and many families were served
- Community of Concern sponsored a parenting panel on cable access TV in November and another is planned for January 25th. They need more parents to be involved and who are willing to take leadership roles to keep the program going.

Junito Mendez reported that there will be a bullying prevention program at SDMS on January 12th.

Volunteer Recognition Night was discussed. This year it will be focused on youth only. Nancy will get a date at the Community Center (May 3rd, 2011) and committee members will come up with ideas for a speaker.

Nancy will work on a fund raising brochure.

Deb will act as liaison with the Chamber of Commerce to see if they will support a summer youth employment program.

Fund balance in the YAB account as of January 10, 2011 is _____

A motion to adjourn was made by Deb Hammer and seconded by Mary Ellen Gregorio. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

The next meeting of the YAB will be February 3, 2011.

Respectfully submitted:

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Director, Social and Youth Services.