

**TOWN OF GRANBY  
YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU  
SENIOR CENTER/YOUTH SERVICES BUILDING  
Minutes  
May 14, 2014**

**PRESENT:** Donna Snyder, Chairman; Jack Cashman, AnneMarie Cox, Michael Garcia, Kerry Kielbasa, Laura Matheos, Michele Psutka, Daphne Shinder

Chairman Donna Snyder confirmed a quorum and began the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES**

**ON A MOTION BY** Michele Psutka, seconded by AnneMarie Cox, the Board voted (5-0-0) to accept the minutes of March 12, 2014 as written. It should be noted that Jack Cashman and Daphne Shinder arrived after approval of the minutes.

**GRANBY PREVENTION COUNCIL UPDATE:**

- The GPC met last week. Ms. Kielbasa and Mr. Garcia explained that it was a strategic planning session and the members broke into small groups. They went on to say that although the group is trying, it has been a tough year and they really haven't made any progress. Mr. Garcia stated he feels the two groups should join as one and it would benefit the community to have a larger more productive group. **ON A MOTION BY** Mike Garcia, seconded by Jack Cashman, the group voted (7-0-0) to have three members of the YSB contact the leadership of the GPC to begin a conversation to have the GPC become a sub-committee of the YSB. Mr. Garcia will contact the Chairman of the GPC to invite him to meet and welcome him to bring GPC members with him. Combining the two groups would bring it back to its' original format. The GPC will meet separately to plan activities regarding prevention. A member of the GPC will attend the monthly YSB meeting to report on their progress and report back to the GPC.
- Jeff Rackliff recommended a fundraiser, a zombie run, which is a 5K obstacle course. It would possibly be held at Holcomb Farm in October. In order to do this, sub-committees would need to meet over the summer and they would like the collaboration of the YSB.

**YOUTH COUNSELOR REPORT:**

- The website is currently under construction.
- Mr. Garcia stated the Y has offered Camp Chase for team building for Youth Services. A date during the month of August will be explored.
- Project Reserve, which started out as a National Honor Society project, will be an ongoing program. Its target audience is 6<sup>th</sup> graders who will soon be going to the middle school and who may have social anxiety.

## **YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL:**

- YAC is presently on hiatus. The scholarship applications have been distributed to teachers. The group meets again at the end of the month to nominate the scholarship recipients and to plan for next year.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Ms. Snyder, Ms. Cox and Ms. Shinder met to look at the website and to review the old Community Resource Booklet. A draft of a new Community Resource Directory was distributed for review. The next step is to meet with Patty Chieski regarding the best format to use, inquire about the ability to add information to the directory and putting the link on the website. Mr. Garcia felt everyone in the directory should be asked to put a link to it on their website.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Mr. Garcia noted that the Y is developing a group, "Togetherhood". It is a new initiative to start volunteer opportunities in the community. They are looking for individuals in their 20's and 30's to coordinate the various opportunities and to contact the individuals to carry them out. Ms. Kielbasa felt the Senior Center's Civic Engagement Team would be a good a resource.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**ON A MOTION BY** AnneMarie Cox, seconded by Michael Garcia, the bureau voted (7-0-0) to adjourn at 5:03 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane  
Recording Secretary