

**TOWN OF GRANBY
YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU
SENIOR CENTER/YOUTH SERVICES BUILDING
Minutes
February 13, 2013**

PRESENT: Donna Snyder, Chairman; Jack Cashman, AnneMarie Cox, Kerry Kielbasa, Heather Munafo, Michele Psutka, Shirley Ryan, Daphne Shinder, Captain Tyler

Chairman Donna Snyder confirmed a quorum and began the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

ON A MOTION BY AnneMarie Cox, seconded by Jack Cashman, the Board voted (7-0-0) to accept the minutes of January 9, 2013 as written.

GRANBY PREVENTION COUNCIL UPDATE:

- The GPC met on Monday to discuss their fundraising event, a silent auction, to be held on April 27th at Holcomb Farm. Bidding will be initiated on Facebook.
- The Granby BOE and school administrators will pick a date for the Search Institute Surveys to be conducted. The East Granby results have been forwarded to John Daviau for interpretation.

YOUTH COUNSELOR REPORT:

- On April 26th, Ms. Cox will be taking students from Granby and East Granby to a youth leadership program in Bloomfield entitled, "Face-to-Face: Talking without Technology".
- The process of setting up interviews for interns for next year has begun.
- Ms. Cox is working with the guidance counselors at the middle school to help alleviate issues with kids on the CREC buses.
- "Pride", a group with a focus on self-esteem, meets on Friday afternoons at the middle school.
- Granby's 26 random acts of kindness, in response to the Newtown tragedy, asks individuals to make a commitment to perform 26 acts of kindness between March and Labor Day, with the hope it will continue to grow.
- Youth Services is in the process of purchasing the Love & Logic parenting curriculum, which is for all ages.
- Ms. Cox attended a Pact 360 training. It is a prevention/early intervention curriculum that is geared mostly around alcohol abuse.

YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL:

- The 'Tolerance Zone' sticker project for the middle school is almost complete.

- The next sixth grade dance will be held on March 15th with a St. Patrick's Day theme.
- The project of bringing biodegradable trays to the cafeteria is continuing.
- Ms. Cox is involved with the 'fill a bin' project at the middle school. The bins are filled with things that communities in South Africa need. There is no cost involved as everything is donated every step of the way.

OLD BUSINESS

- Donna Snyder put together a summary of the information regarding a late bus and forwarded it to Scott MacDonald. The new bus company charged \$120 per bus for the freshman orientation this year. Both Dr. Law and Paul Osypuk felt it would be a good idea to survey parents to determine if a late bus would be used and if they would be willing to pay for it.
- There was a last minute change to "Teen Night" at the Y in that it is now only available to high school students. They had a little over 50 people in attendance and broke even financially. There will be another one at the end of the month and depending on how it goes, they will think about holding the event at a separate time for middle schoolers.
- Hannah Munafo explained the Big Brothers/Big Sisters project has been put on the back burner while they solidify the Family Connections program.

NEW BUSINESS

- Jack Cashman inquired if the police department participates in the drug drop off program. Due to the cost, the department has not participated in a few years. Ms. Kielbasa felt this is something that could possibly be covered with money that is obtained through fundraising efforts. Captain Tyler will look into a more exact cost for the program.
- The youth services budget will be heard on Monday, March 11th at 6:00 p.m. John Adams is assigned to social services.
- Ms. Kielbasa stated the YSB has the opportunity to hold the "Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader" fundraiser, which had been done previously by the GEEC. It would entail nine months to a year of planning but would help offset some costs.
- All of the recreation programs can be found on the website. Currently, they are looking into more programs for adults.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Donna Snyder, seconded by Jack Cashman, the bureau voted (7-0-0) to adjourn at 4:50 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on March 13, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane

Recording Secretary