



Montville Youth Advisory Board

Minutes

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December 8, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Montville Community Center

Members Present: Chairman: Daniel Dunn, Tim Shanahan, Brianne Messer, Susan Rickards, William Carlos and Loretta Drain

Also Present: MYSB Director Barbara Lockhart, Town Council Liaison Councilman Robert Yuchniuk, Youth Liaisons Addie Concascia & Brendan Duhamel and MYSB Administrative Assistant Dianne Peltier

Absent: Vouise Fonville, Dan Boisvert, Sheelagh Lapinski, Officer Karen Aleshire

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

I. Chairman's Report (Dan Dunn)

- Communications/Correspondence
 - Annual Report – Dan will email if interested in a copy
 - Attendance – please respond earlier so we can establish a quorum or not, Brie suggested text group rather than email – all agreed is a better way to communicate for attendance only
 - 2023 Meeting Dates – approved

- Other Business to Report

II. Town Council Liaison Update (Robert Yuchniuk)

- No Report

III. New Business

- Green Out Day 2022
 - Sandy Hook 10th Anniversary, December 14th 6 – 7:30 at the Community Center. All councilor members were invited as was school personnel, some schools are participating in some capacity, all are welcome

- Stocking Drive
 - 120 \$5 gift cards have been collected so far and our goal is 250, ends 12/15

- STEAP Projects
 - Front room (Library), hall near gym and the gym are all getting new floors, abatement for asbestos is wrapping up, project should be completed by the end of the month, Robert asked about a basketball hoop, he is going to look into it further for at least one

- Santa Letters
 - The Mailbox is in the PD ready to receive letters – over 25 letters received so far, Santa will respond to all – deadline is 12/16
- Winter Wonderland
 - Penny Drive kick-off in January, this year's recipient will be determined soon

IV. Old Business

- ARPA Money
 - iPads are in and ready to be used by YAC
- Talk Saves Lives
 - Barbara revisited the reason why this was cancelled. We had 1 RSVP (not a lot of people like to come out at night) and decided to do it as an assembly during the day for student body in 2023
- Basket Raffle 2022
 - Drawing will be tomorrow December 9th, report next month on how much we raised, thank you to all who support our programs and bought tickets
- Race to be Human & Courageous Conversation
 - Winter 2023, working with schools to have this available during the school day

V. YAC (Youth Action Council) (Brendan Duhamel Report)

- December Survey
 - Created questions on the affects of Social Media and Mental Health for MHS students. We have 99 responses so far, a QR code is on the Stall Street Journal and it takes about 2 minutes.
- Strive for 85 Vaping Campaign
 - In a recent SERAC survey it was reported that 85% of CT teens have never vaped, YAC will be creating signs with positive messaging to put in businesses with a QR code to link to SERAC's 21 for a Reason website. Just received permission to use TikTok & Instagram for "Reels"
 - Also, YAC, along with other high school teens, will be creating a presentation for Tyl on the dangers of vaping and promoting our Strive for 85 campaign. Principal Gregg Gwudz is open and help is welcomed
- Podcast
 - Different topics are being addressed

VI. Good & Welfare

- Thank you card received from VA hospital for the Veteran's Day cards made by the kids in our program

VII. JRB Update (Cases, Dispositions, Referrals) – looking to rename in the future

- Cases
 - Very busy – adding an extra day in January and February in order to hear all cases in a timely manner
 - January 1st there will be lots of changes which will impact JRBs – busier
 - 353 cases heard over 10 years with a 94% diversion rate!

VIII. Other Business

- Grants (State & Local) –
 - Federal Opioid settlement \$55,000, Mayor asked Barbara how should this be spent – Barbara suggested creating a committee (Emergency personnel, SERAC, Uncas Health) and she also suggested to be used for insurance copays, transportation, and education for example
 - Enhancement – expected extra 2 million that will be split among 104 YSBs and that is based on population
- Budgets (State & Local) –
 - Local budget due 12/31
 - State Cost Sharing Grant was left whole
- Prevention Breakfast
 - Barbara and Kim attended the Governor’s Prevention Breakfast on 12/7 as guests of Deterra.

X. Adjournment, 1st Tim, 2nd Dan B.

Motion to adjourn made by Dan, 1st Susan, 2nd Tim

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

XI. Next Meeting

Thursday, March 9, 2023 – 6:00pm Montville Community Center

Submitted by Dianne Peltier, Administrative Assistant MYSB