



# Montville Youth Advisory Board

## Minutes

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**November 9, 2023**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Montville Community Center**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Chairman: Daniel Dunn, Officer Karen Aleshire, Tim Shanahan, Brianne Messer, Susan Rickards, Dan Boisvert

**Also Present:** MYSB Director Barbara Lockhart, Youth Liaison Adam Sheridan and MYSB Administrative Assistant Dianne Peltier

**Absent:** Vouise Fonville, Youth Liaison Josie English, William Carlos, Loretta Drain

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

### **I. Chairman's Report (Dan Dunn)**

- Communications/Correspondence
  - Motion to accept 2024 Meeting Dates, Tim S. 1<sup>st</sup>, Dan B. 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor - 2024 meeting dates accepted
- Other Business to Report
  - Dan thanked Susan for contacting all council members about the importance of MYSB and how will they support the agency in the future. She did hear back from a few but not all
  - Barb thanked the Board members for their support and noted that a new liaison will be appointed Monday

### **II. Town Council Liaison Update (TBD)**

- No Report

### **III. New Business**

- Pie Baking Contest
  - Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm, 5 families have signed up and the Fire Chiefs' wives will be the judges this year
- Veterans Day Cards
  - ASP participants made cards to send to the 2 VA Hospitals in CT
- Farmer's Market Give-Away
  - Indoor at Tyl Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, MYSB will be there with mental health information, Veterans Day giveaway, and basket raffle tickets for purchase
- Blood Drive
  - MYSB will host a blood drive at the Montville Community Center (Fair Oaks) on December 27, 2023, they are in real need for donors, call MYSB 860-848-7724 or go on line at American Red Cross

- Stocking Drive
  - MYSB is collecting \$5-\$10 gift cards to Dunkin, Target, Subway, McDonalds, etc. to add to the stockings for Social Services, any extra Halloween candy is welcome to help fill the stockings
- Stop & Shop Food Collection Dates
  - December 2 & 3, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., MYSB families will be there to help collect along with Montville PD
- Letters to Santa
  - Letters can be dropped off at the PD in the foyer North Pole mailbox (starting 11/22), don't forget to write a return address so Santa can write back!
- Holiday Social
  - January date TBD
- New Opioid Funds and Plan
  - 2 rounds of Federal funds - certain perimeters to go by, used to purchase Narcan, added Project Courage to middle school and high school, also used for resource cards for all police and medical personnel to have in their vehicles, transportation to and from meetings, more addiction counselors, etc.
  - Trying to be more preventive – education and prevention rather than reaction

#### **IV. Old Business**

- Basket Raffle
  - Staff and volunteers were at each election site and raised over \$2,700 so far! The raffle will be open until November 30<sup>th</sup>, \$1 a ticket (13 baskets to choose from, created by MYSB families and community members), drawing will be held December 1st

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

- Surveying Tyl and MHS students about social media, bullying, substance use, stress and mental health. Hoping to have both schools participate in the survey (questions were created by YAC members) prior to Christmas vacation. YAC will use the results to continue the “What’s in your head, should be said” campaign, the Opioid Education project and their Community Kindness campaign
- SOR Grant for \$10,000 – Addiction Memory Quilt, speakers, Narcan for schools, social media posts and peer to peer Lunch and Learns.
- Relaunching the 2020 Kind>Cool Campaign, starting with a “shout out” program where students can digitally nominate someone in their school or community to be recognized for going above and beyond for someone
- Will be meeting over Christmas break to start looking at survey results and create an action plan for rolling out the results in January of 2024
- Planted 100 daffodils near new community playground

#### **VI. Good & Welfare**

- No Report

## **VII. JRB Update (Cases, Dispositions, Referrals)**

- Cases
  - 2 new cases – moving steadily along

## **VIII. Other Business**

- Grants (State & Local)
  - New legislative session opens on 2/7/24
- Budgets (State & Local)

## **X. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Tim 1<sup>st</sup> – Dan B. 2nd  
Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

## **XI. Next Meeting**

- Thursday, March 12, 2024 – 6:00pm Montville Community Center

Submitted by Dianne Peltier, Administrative Assistant MYSB