

Montville Youth Advisory Board Minutes

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October 10, 2019 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chairman: Daniel Dunn, Dan Boisvert, Brie Messer, Officer Karen Aleshire, Sheelah Lapinski, Lilian Corrice

Also Present: Liaison Councilman Joe Rogulski

Absent: Susan Rickards, Bethany Caron, William Carlos, Tim Shanahan, Vouise Fonville, MYSB Director Barbara Lockhart.

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

I. Chairman's Report

- A. Director's Report
- B. Lily Corrice accepted to be MYAB Youth Rep

II. New Business

- A. Drug Take Back Day
 - October 26, 2019
 - Montville Public Safety Building
 - 10:00am 2:00pm (See Flyer)
- B. Lights on After School
 - October 24, 2019
 - Please join us for our 13th year of celebrating Youth Services Bureaus across the country from 3:00 – 7:00pm, DJ and photo booth – definitely a kid favorite (and staff too!)
- C. New Billboard Locations
 - Posted on Route 85 in Montville (near Chesterfield Fire) #youthvoice #youthvote, looks great go check it out

III. Old Business

- A. Billboards update
 - Vaping Campaign complete
 - 4 What's Next still posted
- B. CYSA Conference
 - Hugely successful & an amazing acceptance speech by CYSA Youth Leadership Award winner Alexa Slack (check out our FB page to view the video)

- C. Concert Fundraiser update
 - \bullet Sold ½ the tickets and still waiting for checks to clear probably profited about \$1,000 for each department
- D. Pancake Breakfast
 - November 3, 2019, 8:00am 12:00pm
 - Please sell tickets and join us
 - Lots of raffle prizes coming in
- E. Kindness Rock Garden
 - Received many compliments about how great the front of the building looks!

IV. YAC (Youth Action Council)

- A. High school
 - Stall Street Journal See below
- B. Middle School
 - Trick or Trunk October 26, 2019 See below
- V. Good & Welfare
 - A. No Report

VI. JRB Update (Cases, Dispositions, Referrals)

A. No updates at this time

VII. Grants

- A. Grants (State & Local)
 - No Report
- B. Budgets (State & Local)
 - No Report

VIII. Other Business

A. No report

IX. Adjournment

X. Next Meeting

November 14, 2019 6:00pm

*Mark your calendars – Holiday Gathering - Friday, December 13, 2019 – Details to follow soon!

Youth Action Council Report

10/10/2019

High School YAC

Stall Street Journal September/October Issues:

- Highlights Freshman Class
- Get students at MHS to get connected on social media
- Gave freshmen resources on important high school
- #Youmatter message:
 - o You are important, you are wanted, you are valued
 - School Spirit
 - Focus on positive

World Mental Health Day

- YAC/Kim hosted a table during lunch today
- 30 students signed up to attend Mental Health First Aid and QPR/Narcan Trainings- Dates TBD
- About 60 students came up to the table- lots of discussions around self-care and how mental health isn't something we should be afraid to talk about with our friends

Future Events

- Spark Week- January 2020
 - o Focus: building connections within the school personnel, community and students
- Wear Purple Day for Healthy Relationships- Tentative Date: Friday, February 28th

General Summary

The Youth Action Council this year has begun to brainstorm projects, activities and fundraising opportunities. Funds will be used for trainings, team building activities and group needs. The main goal this year is student buy in. This will allow students to be more involved with us, and our resources, which will lead to a positive change in the school and community atmosphere. Beginning in November, there will be an "open" YAC meeting for all high school students held at the youth center. These meetings will continue the work of the advisory and also begin to create a plan for a community project with both YAC groups working together to create positive changes in the community. Stay tuned!

Middle School YAC

Trick or Trunk- October 26th at Tyl Middle School

- Theme: Aladdin
- The youth mentors focus to promote positive communication, idea sharing, and goal setting while mentoring middle school students. (Currently have 3 high school students working with group).
- Candy donations would be greatly appreciated!

Stocking Drive-

O Youth will be collecting \$5 gift cards and Christmas Candy to fill stockings for Montville Social Services - Goal- 200 stockings