

Youth Service Commission
Minutes
April 19, 2016

Meeting Called to Order: By A. Ellis at 4:35 pm

Roll Call: A. Ellis (P) M. Nunn (P) County Rep. C. Britt (P) M. Alberto (P)
Juvenile Lieutenant B. Emerick (P) Council Liaison; George Sopka (P) Linda Monetti (P)

Reports: L. Monetti reported that she mentioned the idea to the Recreation Commission to run a program in conjunction with Youth Services at the April 6th meeting and all members were in favor of running a summer program at Mobus Park or possibly the Senior's room. The Rec Commission was in favor of running a program from the "Minds in Motion" science workshops programs.

Treasurer report: The balance in the donation account remains at \$567.15.

Correspondence: Girls Circle Program Information
Minds in Motion Program Information

Unfinished Business: M. Nunn mentioned that the Homework Club was not run this year due to staffing. She suggested including 10% for transportation in the next grant application for a late bus. She also reported that the program is usually run for 10 weeks for 1 ½ hrs. per week or 5 weeks, 2 times per week.

The Commission discussed options for other programs that could be run in addition to the programs that are now being run with the Annual Grant funds. Programs discussed were the Girls Circle and the Boys Council. C. Britt mentioned that the programs must meet the criteria for the grant. M. Nunn mentioned the "Girls on the Run" program will start at Valley View on April 27th and will run for 30 sessions for 1 ½ hours each.

The Commission discussed either supplementing the Minds in Motion workshops with the remaining grant funds or using the funds for scholarships for at risk students for the summer programs available to Watchung students. M. Nunn mentioned that there will be approximately \$2000. left over from the 2015/16 grant funds once all invoices are submitted. C. Britt mentioned that the use of the remaining funds can only be utilized after a request has been sent to the county in writing and the county has reviewed the plans for its use and is approved. M. Nunn mentioned that transportation as well as before and after care could be an issue for some students. She suggested possibly using Best Times for extended care to accommodate those students that need the extra care.

New Business: The Commission discussed ideas to utilize the amount in the donation account. M. Nunn made a motion to donate \$300. to Watchung Recreation to help offset costs to what is being offered at the Community Picnic event, G. Sopko second the motion. All were in favor.

Cindy Britt – Reported that the County budget was not yet passed but she does not anticipate any issues and will contact the YS Commission as soon as she has a confirmation that the funds would again be available for the 2016/17 school year.

Next Meeting Schedule: The next Youth Service meeting is to be determined.

Adjournment: As there was no further business A. Ellis called to adjourn the meeting at 5:33 pm, G. Sopko second the motion.

Respectfully Submitted By

Linda Monetti

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Recording Secretary