

Youth Service Commission
MINUTES
October 23rd, 2018

Meeting Called to Order:

Roll Call: A. Ellis (P); M. Nunn (P); County Rep. K. Patronick (P); L. Monetti (P); Council Liaison M. Alberto (A); Mayor S. K. Pote (A); Juvenile Detective (P) J. Moberly

Reports:

The Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders has approved its 2018 annual budget which included the Annual Grant for Watchung of \$5,000. The funds are now available for our use and allocated for the following programs according to the grant application which include the Girls on Track program, TREP\$ and the Homework Club.

New Business:

M. Nunn reported that the “Girls on Track” program will not run this fall as there are no teachers available to run the program. She mentioned the Commission will need to vote on how to utilize those funds in the amount of \$3278.09 which was approved for the program.

L. Monetti mentioned that the Commission is required to have seven members and there are now two positions available. As B. Emerick and Shaina Nasrin are no longer on the Commission, B. Emerick was promoted to Sergeant and S. Nasrin is now at the High School. Detective Jason Moberly will sit in as an alternate until a Juvenile Detective is appointed. As the Youth member position is available, the school counselor will be contacted for recommendations to fill that position.

M. Nunn mentioned the Homework Club will be renamed to the “Pursuit of Excellence”. She mentioned the program will help those students that did not pass the PARCC Assessment tests. M. Nunn stated that the program will be run before and after school. A. Ellis made a motion to approve changes to the annual grant budget to include the program adjustments, all were in favor of the changes. M. Nunn mentioned that \$2363.56 will be needed for the changes which will include a 10% budget for refreshments. Also added will be a program at Bayberry School that will have a budget of \$927.16 to run the same program with less hours needed.

M. Nunn stated that two teachers went to classes for Mindfulness training over the summer on their own and would be interested in running a mindfulness program that could help students with stress related issues.

Unfinished Business:

The Commission discussed the existing programs being offered and the costs involved, and how the programs are being received by the students and if any changes should be made to what is now being offered. M. Nunn mentioned the possibility of running the GOTR program at Bayberry in the spring with the leftover funds if a teacher were to be available.

Treasurer report:

The balance in the donation account is now at \$67.15 after the donation to the 2018 Watchung Recreation Community Picnic of \$200.00.

Correspondence:

1. Oath of Office; A. Ellis, S. Pote
2. Quarterly Report
3. Handbook Changes

County Report; K. Patronick mentioned there were several changes to the Municipal Youth Services Handbook. She mentioned there is now an abbreviated application to the grant after a program is run for 2 or more consecutive years. Also mentioned was that there will no longer be program reports necessary from teachers that run the programs as were requested in the past as there will now be inspections from the county reps during the programs to make sure the programs are being run properly.

Next Meeting Schedule:

The next Youth Service meeting will be held on December 4th, 2018 at 4:30pm Valley View School.

Adjournment: As there was no further business A. Ellis adjourned the meeting at 5:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted By,
Linda Monetti, Secretary