

Youth Services Commission
Minutes of
Meeting April 10, 2012

Watchung Municipal Youth Services Commission Meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM. In attendance were: Dr. Malyska, Ms. Mary Nunn (both arrived 5:40), Ms. Chris Blackadar, Ms. Debra Joren, Ms. Kathy Caldas, and Miss. Claire Barrameda. Also in attendance was Ms. Cindy Britt from the County Youth Services Commission.

The secretary reported that we received a donation from Watchung Chemical Engine Co. (\$100.00). She will report on the balance at our next meeting.

The Grant application was mentioned and Ms. Caldas said she had not discussed anything with Dr. Malyska. She asked when the application would be due and Ms. Britt said the county would be voting on the budget at the end of April and we should receive the application forms after that, probably the beginning of May and then they would be due about six weeks after that. Ms. Caldas suggested we wait for further discussion on this until Dr. Malyska arrives.

At this time Ms. Blackadar asked Ms. Britt to give us updates on upcoming events. Ms. Britt said there are two (2) Parenting Connections Workshops – May 10th on Substance Abuse presented by Empower Somerset and the second one is on June 14th on Healthy Lifestyles which is a collaboration between the Rutgers Cooperative Extension, Somerset Medical Center, The Somerset Valley YMCA and the Somerset County Office of Youth Services. Location for both of these workshops is to be determined. The cost is \$5.00 for each workshop and they are held from 7-9 pm.

There are also two (2) Community Connections Workshops – May 18th on Suicide Prevention, Presenter: Melissa Callen MA, LPC, ACS and the second will be held June 22nd on Childhood Obesity which is a collaboration between the Rutgers Cooperative extension, Somerset Medical Center, the Somerset Valley YMCA and the Somerset County Office of Youth Services. Location for both of these workshops is to be determined. The cost is \$20.00 for each workshop are held from 8:30 am to 11:30 am and Professional Development Credits are given out at the workshop.

She also mentioned they were going to have their Gang Presentation on Thursday night (4/12), at Bound Brook High School. It is for the Latino community. They will be duplicating this in North Plainfield and Franklin. They are excited about this because they have only had Gang Workshops in English in the past.

For further information on these please contact Ms. Britt at 908-704-6352.

The Girls on the Run Race will be held the first Sunday of June in Somerville. There was a question regarding who would be paying for the registration for the Girls on the Run. It was thought that we had enough in our donation to cover the cost this year. Ms. Nunn will send the Borough the invoice once it is received.

Ms. Clare Barrameda reported that the Community Outreach program with the Band and Chorus, served lunch to about 25 Senior Citizens.

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Ms. Nunn questioned Ms Britt about the program and possible additions we could add to apply for the Competitive Grant again so we can continue this program next year. Possibly holding during the school day. Or a Saturday – maybe two Saturdays before the State testing to further help the students, or maybe a summer school program. Ms. Britt will check to see if this would be a possibility but in order to get this grant it would have to have something different added to the program- maybe mentoring or something like that.

Once we receive the application forms we will further discuss at our June Meeting.

The Italian Club is going very well. The cost for the instructor will be one unit – approximately \$525.00.

The secretary asked Dr. Malyska to send invoices for all the programs so they may be placed on the Bill List before June.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Our next meeting will be held June 12th at 5 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
MaryAnn Hance, Secretary