

## North Reading Youth Services Committee Meeting

**Date/Time:** Monday, March 22, 2021/ 6:00 pm      **Location:** Zoom - Teleconference

Committee Members Present		Committee Members Absent	Guests/Visitors Present
Peter Majane, Chair	Yan Huang	Patty Harrington	Jennifer Ford, Y.S. Director
Danielle Masterson, Co-Chair	Jodi Sponzo	Christy Damphousse	
Deborah Mahoney, Secretary	Leslie Schultz		
Jason Slattery	Amy DiChiara		
Frank Ferraro			

**Chair Peter Majane called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.**

**1. Review of February Minutes.** February 22, 2021 minutes were reviewed and accepted.

**2. Financial Report:** YS Director Jennifer Ford stated that there has been no change in finances since last month. There were no expenditures this past month.

**3. Participation Report:** YS Director Jen Ford stated that she continues to run youth programs and has been creative with virtual programming. No new programs were added in March but programs that are in place are running smoothly. Language lessons are going well with both returning youth and some new ones each time. Spanish is more attended than French and lessons can continue once school resumes full in-person since elementary schools will still have a half day on Wednesday. The Youth Action Team is doing a great job. For Women's History Month the action team sent invitations to all women working with the town and schools asking them what they are proud of. The team will compile the results and put an article in The Transcript acknowledging them. YAT and the HS Social Activism Club are teaming up for a social activism PSA contest. YAT has a lot of conversations about necessary skills to be an adult, commitment to projects and self-care. YS Director Jen Ford is planning to do in person activities outdoors in April.

**4. Social Services Report:** MA contact tracing contacted YS Director Jen Ford regarding a single mother in NR who tested positive for coronavirus and needed assistance. YS Director Jen Ford assisted the mother with her current needs and shared information about YS. YS Director Jen Ford had a lot of conversations with residents about the return to school on both ends of the spectrum, those eager to return and those hesitant. Anxiety is on the rise with youth including with those who have not experienced this in the past. Credit was given to Superintendent Daly and his handling of all issues this past year. The committee had a discussion of social justice in NR and the reaction and acceptance of residents. White children 15yo and younger are now the minority in the US. Despite living in a pre-dominantly white community, it is imperative to equip them with the skills and tools to be successful while navigating the diversity that exists beyond NR.

**5. Old Business:** Via email YS Director Jen Ford shared with the committee the YS Annual Report and the Budget Hearing presentation and she confirmed that all had received these documents. Praise was given again to YS Director Jen Ford for the virtual reality fair.

**6. New Business:** No new business.

**Next meeting:** April 26, 2021, 6p via Zoom    **Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.**

Documents/Handouts	
February 2021 Minutes	YS Budget Hearing presentation
2020 YS Annual Report	

April 26, 2021

Minutes Approved on Date

  
Peter Majane, Committee Chair