

# North Reading Youth Services Committee Meeting

Date/Time: Monday, March 25, 2019 6:00pm

Location: North Reading Town Hall, Rm. 10

Committee Members Present		Committee Members Absent	Guests/Visitors Present
Peter Majane, Chair	Jason Slattery	Sandy Garniss	Jennifer Ford, Y.S. Director
Frank Ferraro, Vice-Chair	Leslie Shultz	Amy DiChiara	
Karen Buscemi, Secretary	Danielle Masterson	Samantha Miller	
Christy Dampousse	Patty Harrington		

Chairman Peter Majane called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

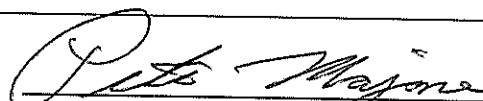
1. **Review of Previous Minutes:** February 25, 2019 minutes were reviewed and accepted unanimously.
2. **Financial Report:** YS Director Jennifer Ford outlined she still needs to submit costs for the Reality Fair which was held at the high school on March 21, 2019. Other than that, there were no additional costs.
3. **Social Services Report:** Jennifer Ford outlined all the same types of issues (mental health/anxiety) are coming in and the high school has been reaching out steadily. She reported there have been no substance abuse calls. She shared a Dungeons & Dragons Club discussion about JUULing where the kids expressed their disgust of it and disappointment of prevalence; this led to open discussion of stress and anxiety. Jen stated her thankfulness for the high school's cooperation and help preparing/prepping for the Reality Fair and stated her hope for continued support of YS activities and events with positive intervention.
4. **Participation Report:** Jennifer Ford outlined the Dungeons & Dragons Club received 2 new participants, the Girl's Club received 1 more, and there were 2 more for the Mentors group. She outlined the Girl's Group's desire to meet over the summer and Jen stated she's open to discuss it further closer to the end of the school year. Jen noted participation was up slightly and she's still working on Spring Programming. It was asked how the Elementary Early Act Club was going and Jen said there were 15 participants and they are planning another event at Peabody Court.
5. **Old Business:** Jennifer Ford thanked all volunteers who assisted with the execution of the 2019 Reality Fair. It was then reviewed and Jen discussed the results of the kid's survey which indicated they would like to see more options for "families" next year, such as having kids and how that works into the equation financially. Jen made a note to include that in 2020's fair. YS volunteers then discussed their experiences and kid's reactions and comments and ways to improve the event were shared. It was suggested that more information be given to the kids prior to their attending the Fair. It was also noted that volunteers could use a little more preparation material for improved execution in 2020. It was suggested a planning sub-committee be formed next year to assist. Term limits for YS Committee members was revisited and Frank Ferraro outlined he had spoke with Barbara Stats about staggering the term limits for members and she stated that anyone wanting to change their term limit must do so in person beginning in September. Barbara outlined that she's not the proper contact for that type of business and suggested members speak with Jane Brooks. Term limits were decided upon for those with 2019 expiring terms.
6. **New Business:** It was asked whether NORCAM would be covering the April 22, 2019 CIT presentation of "Minding Your Mind: Just Talk About It", featuring North Reading's Mental Health/Substance Abuse Clinician Laura Miranda. Jennifer Ford said she'd reach out to NORCAM. Jen also mentioned that the guest speakers for the May YSC meeting will be the 3 Elementary Principals and the June YSC meeting will feature Detective Paul Lucci, NRPD, and Drug Grant Coordinator Amy Luckiewicz, who will chat about their 2-week trip to England which allows SRO's to shadow one another to share ideas/techniques, etc. of the jobs they do. This was made possible by a grant.

Next meeting: Monday, April 22, 2019 - 5:30 p.m., Library Activity Room

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Documents/Handouts	
Committee Meeting Agenda	Committee Minutes from January Meeting
Financial Report	Social Services/Participation Report
CIT "Minding Your Mind: Just Talk About It" Flyer/Info	

April 22, 2019  
Minutes Approved on Date

  
Peter Majane, Committee Chair