

North Reading Youth Services Committee Meeting

Date/Time: Monday, October 26th, 2020 - 6pm

Location: Zoom – Teleconference

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

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

- 1. Review of Previous Minutes:** September 28th, 2020 minutes were reviewed and accepted.
- 2. Financial Report:** YS Director Jennifer Ford stated there were no changes to the finances.
- 3. Social Services Report:** YS Director Jennifer Ford stated that still having lots of conversations regarding mental health and the impact of hybrid learning on the majority of youth and families.
- 4. Participation Report:** YS Director Jennifer Ford stated that participation has remained low through October. Superintendent Daly shared November 2020 Newsletter this afternoon and youth started registering nearly immediately. As of this meeting, there are 5 new faces to YS. Programming will be a hybrid of in person and online for November, 2020 and transitioning to full online in December, 2020 due to lack of space to run programs. Jen will be partnering with Danielle and Flint Library for a Halloween costume contest and home decorating contest. Mass email sent to advertise along with PTO announcements, social media posts and possibly a Transcript ad.
- 5. Old Business:** Mentoring – Jen will be reaching out to past mentors regarding mentoring program and Patrick Daly will include in newsletter. Peter asked the group how school hybrid is going. All agreed it is going as well as can be expected and in person learning is needed for students. Also, Danielle stated the library has extended its hours and is open for pick-up of materials only.
- 6. New Business:** Four YSC members are up for renewal in December, 2020: Karen Buscemi, Frank Ferraro, Deb Mahoney and Amy DiChiara. Frank and Deb will be renewing. Amy may renew for one year and then step back due to scheduling issues. Karen will not be renewing due to scheduling issues. Also, Samantha Miller will be resigning due to scheduling issues. Citizen Action forms have been submitted from Jodi Sponzo and Yan Huang. Peter will invite both to the November, 2020 meeting as guests to see if mutual interest exists. The goal is to have candidates on the BOS agenda December, 2020 for voting. Jen offered information on four other activities/events she is involved in: 1.) "Self-Care Week" November 16-20 as part of the Mental Wellness Action Team. This is a community based initiative run with Laura Miranda. 2.) Age Friendly Initiative Survey for 55+. Jen will forward survey link to YSC members. 3.) Jen has been asked by BOH to be part of group to support contact tracing in NR. 4.) Jen will be part of North Reading Human Rights Commission (NRHRC). Jen will be participating as a NR resident and not as a department head. Jen answered a question regarding the Reality Fair. She stated she is almost done with the presentation and will have more information at the November, 2020 meeting. She did say the Reality Fair will be virtual and for current Seniors and possibly Juniors at NRHS.

Next meeting: Mon. November 23rd, 2020 - 6 p.m. Location: Zoom Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Documents/Handouts	
Committee Meeting Agenda	Committee Minutes from September Meeting
November YS Programming Calendar	November 2020 Newsletter
Halloween Contest Flyer	Pen Pal Club Flyer
NRHRC Flyer	

November 23, 2020

Minutes Approved on Date


Peter Majane, Committee Chair