

North Reading Youth Services Committee Meeting

Date/Time: Monday, October 23, 2017 6:00pm **Location:** North Reading Town Hall, Rm. 10

Committee Members Present		Committee Members Absent	Guests/Visitors Present
Peter Majane, Chair	Amy DiChiara	Judy Hall	Amy Luckiewicz, Y.S. Director
Frank Ferraro, Vice-Chair	Leslie Shultz	Kathy Dardeno	Jason Slattery, Potential Member
Karen Buscemi, Secretary	Sandy Garniss	Patty Harrington	Rita Mullen, C.I.T. Member
Christy Dampousse		Samantha Miller	

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

- Review of Previous Minutes:** September 25, 2017 minutes were reviewed and accepted unanimously.
- Financial Report:** Amy Luckiewicz stated all was good and on track. She mentioned that the Battle of the Bands event needed to be canceled due to lack of participation. Only 2 bands paid and only 1 asked to be reimbursed.
- Participation Report:** Amy Luckiewicz discussed how enrollment for the Elementary EarlyAct Club has been very large this year with 30+ kids. She said she still needs another helper each week even with 1 Rotarian and 1 High School Student assisting. She mentioned an immediate need for December 14, 2017. All meetings are held in the Library Activity Room from 4-5pm every Thursday. She is still looking for High School mentors with over 37 in the group. She outlined she has 16 in the Youth Group.
- Social Services Report:** Amy Luckiewicz said it's been very slow with not many call. She outlined the need to advertise more.
- CIT Update:** Amy Luckiewicz outline how their presentation of "Screenagers" on October 11, 2017 was a huge hit. 270+ signed up but more attended. The Resources Table was completely wiped out of information by end of night. Amy mentioned how Marcy Bailey would be taking over the Coalition and it will now have two school committee members on the board. Amy also discussed a proposed faith-based small roundtable event for all ages to discuss drug awareness and beyond. Currently looking at sectors the next 12 months. Amy announced she has been offered a new position which would be funded by the DFC Grant but she has not accepted this offer yet due to contract wordage. She is hopeful it will be corrected soon and her transfer to management under North Reading Police Department will begin. She outlined all standing meetings for the next 10 months have been cancelled for Human Services meeting. Amy outlined she had 3 potential candidates for new Youth Services Director in mind. It was expressed that the application for Amy's new job was not addressed with the Youth Services Committee prior to her application. Concerns were raised about what happens to Amy's new position once the DFC Grant runs out or if it was ever pulled due to errors in filing or any other factor. Amy outlined that there would still be work to be done beyond the Grant in her new position. It was outlined that Amy has not had a formal meeting with the Town Administrator for months. Concerns were then expressed about how the Youth Services Group and Committee could potentially cease to exist with upcoming changes and a new Youth Services Director needed. The Committee was reminded how the Youth Services Committee was fought hard for about 10 years ago as the need arose and how the current feeling was that it was at risk of disbandment. Amy said she would go to bat for the Youth Services Program if it was in jeopardy. It was mentioned how the Town is overwhelmed right now and has contributed to the delay in contracts and the cancelling of meetings but is not directed toward Youth Services. Concern was expressed about how the position of Youth Services Director may remain vacant until new Director is hired, but Amy assured the Committee that she would cover the job until there is a new hire. Committee members suggested the Youth Services Committee reach out to the Town Administrator to ask questions about upcoming events and hires. It was outlined how a timeline needs to be established in order to hold responsibility for new position and all were reminded how nothing happens until the contract is signed. All were reminded that if Amy moves forward, "Youth Services" could become "Youth & Family Services" and could open the door to include parents and grandparents of youth. All were reminded that is an Elder Services Program in town and changing our services would have to proceed delicately.
- Reality Fair:** Amy Luckiewicz stated this event was on track. She outlined salary info for students was coming soon and student info would be entered soon. She announced how a new Military category and Household Contribution was added to the student's list, and a Q&A station would also be available. She outlined how more help was still needed and how she would like some roving advisors who could also offer students some help.

7. **Battle of the Bands:** Amy Luckiewicz said there was little participation this year for this event so she had to cancel it. Two of the 3 bands that signed up actually paid but only one asked to be reimbursed.
8. **Old Business: Education Update:** Amy Luckiewicz said she's on the last stretch of her schooling. **Contract Status:** No change and she has been without agreement since August.
9. **New Business:** Amy Luckiewicz outlined how popular her field trips are and they are always in large numbers. She bought reusable wristbands for all traveling on her field trips to prevent anyone from getting "lost". It contains the Youth Services phone number and can be returned after use on the field trip.

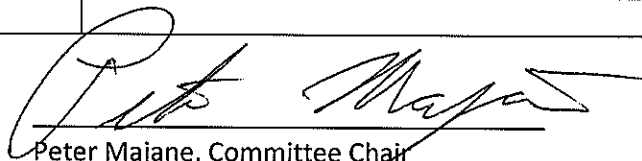
Next meeting: Monday, November 27, 2017 - 6:00pm, Room 10

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Documents/Handouts	
Participation Report	Financial Report
Committee Meeting Agenda	Committee Minutes from August Meeting
November Youth Services Calendar	

November 27, 2017

Minutes Approved on Date


Peter Majane, Committee Chair