

**TOWN OF GRANBY
YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU
Minutes
February 8, 2012**

PRESENT: Donna Snyder, Chairman; Emily Boone, AnneMarie Cox, Michael Garcia, KerryAnn Kielbasa, Laura Matheos, Michele Psutka, Shirley Ryan, Laura Snyder, Tom Tyburski

Chairman Donna Snyder confirmed a quorum and began the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

ON A MOTION BY Laura Matheos, seconded by AnneMarie Cox, the Board voted (6-0-0) to accept the minutes of January 11, 2012 as written. It should be noted that Emily Boone and Michael Garcia arrived after the approval of the minutes.

GRANBY PREVENTION COUNCIL UPDATE:

- HAZE was shown at the middle school on Monday evening. Although there were only ten people in attendance, it was well received by those who were there. It will be shown at the YMCA on March 31st at 3:30 p.m. The showing is open to the public and all YMCA members.
- Letters will soon be sent out to the businesses in the community asking them to join in the mission of the GPC. The purpose is to promote the community piece of the GPC. There will be a telethon on February 21st at 5:00 p.m. at the YMCA to follow up with people.
- Laura Snyder is working on bringing the GPC to the school community. A wellness day will be held for freshmen on the morning of March 9th. The purpose is to promote positive self image and a positive mentality in order to make healthy choices. There will be four or five break out activities, i.e. yoga, nutrition, etc.

YOUTH COUNSELOR REPORT:

- A group for CHOICE girls from Hartford is in the process of being created and will include promoting a positive self image for women, wellness and diversity. It will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- AnneMarie Cox will meet with Cindy Garrey at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday at Starbucks to brainstorm regarding facilitating parent-to-parent discussion groups. The groups will be for parents whose children are entering the teenage years and to open the lines of communication between parents who interact with one another, i.e. neighbors, etc.
- The Memorandum of Agreement with East Granby to assume responsibilities of their YSB has not been signed off on yet.
- A youth leadership conference will be held on March 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Bloomfield. The theme is healthy relationships. AnneMarie Cox will bring a few YAC kids and Scott MacDonald will bring a few eighth graders. Ms. Cox will also try to get six kids from East Granby.

- The tenth anniversary of the opening of the Senior Center/Youth Services building is this year. A grandparent's breakfast will be held in April and will be sponsored by the Senior Center, Youth Services and Parks and Recreation.
- Youth Services and Parks and Recreation will hold a flashlight spring egg hunt on April 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the park. The egg hunt will be for older kids and the GECC (Granby Early Childhood Council) will have some activities for younger kids.
- The GO (Guys Only) group for 6th and 7th graders was very successful. They will take the month of March off and a new group will begin in the spring. It may be opened up to 12 kids and do some activities in the summer.

YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL:

- At the last meeting, there was a focus on getting YAC members to volunteer at Senior Day at the Senior Center. They will introduce the seniors to technology, such as skype, facebook, etc.
- At the next meeting, there will be a discussion regarding conducting a survey at the high school to see what programs students may be interested in.

OLD BUSINESS

A draft of the YSB survey and a timelines of tasks were distributed for review. Donna Snyder, Laura Matheos and Mike Garcia will meet next week to further develop the survey. They will then meet with Tom Tyburski to get it on the website. There will also be paper copies which can be left at the library, etc. Once the survey is completed, the results need to be made available to the public. This could be done through the Drummer.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Michael Garcia, seconded by AnneMarie Cox, the bureau voted (8-0-0) to adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane
Recording Secretary