

**MEETING MINUTES
YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021
6:30 P.M., EAST GRANBY FARMS**

**Members present: Josette Lumbruno, Bob Ravens-Seger, Erin Russell, Angela Ciottone.
Staff: Alicia Van Neil, Bonnie Jones, AnaAlicia Cruz.**

1. Call To Order - The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Public Comment on Agenda Items – None.
3. Correspondence – None.
4. Review of Minutes – Bob motioned to approve the September 2021 minutes, seconded by Erin. Unanimously approved.
5. Additions To Agenda – None.
6. Old Business
 - HS YAC Facilitator Update – We welcomed AnaAlicia Cruz, our new HS YAC Facilitator. The HS YAC has already met twice, and had their team building retreat. Plans include Letters To Santa, Recycle-A-Gift in coordination with Winter Wonderland, a Valentine’s craft day, Movie Night, American Red Cross Blood Drives, Earth Day, and will participate in some type of prevention programming involving vaping and alcohol/drunk driving.
 - Status/Report of Surveys YAC – AnaAlicia reported that both Jonathan and Erin helped distribute these at the meeting in order to gather feedback.
 - Town Meditation – Josette reported an excellent turnout with a generous donation to the food pantry. The MS Mindfulness Meditation program was cancelled due to lack of registration. Discussion was held as to how it may be better suited to the HS students during exams. Erin suggested that it be held during an advisory block day to

encourage more students to attend and benefit. Josette suggested holding mediation for parents with the MS YAC to provide babysitting.

- Programming Pursuant to C.C.S. 10-19m(b) – Discussions with Community Health Resources are being held to determine how it might be best to use grant money related to COVID recovery. Alicia is in contact with Sarah Kleinman and Sharon Eastman, therapists, to possibly offer Love and Logic for parenting classes. Babysitting could be offered by the MS YAC group. Sue Lawshe is working on a program/group for anxiety/depression. An emerging leaders program is being developed for the Seymour School students. The Babysitting and Home Alone program were both going forward.

7. New Business

- Request For Clerk – Alicia is checking into funding available for a clerk to assist with the Agenda, Meeting Minutes, and filings with the clerk for the Commission.
- Halloween Party – The venue will be Newgate Prison. Alicia is asking people to pre-register so that we know how many people to expect. Alicia did receive a good group of MS volunteers through the Park and Rec site. The MS YAC will also volunteer with games, crafts and the photo booth. The HS may help with pumpkin carving assuming that all arrangements and supplies can be coordinated and they can fit this into their agenda.

8. Promotion

- Talk Turkey – Alicia is ensuring that the YSB has something to report in each issue. A YAC member write up in Talk Turkey is being considered.

- Upcoming events – Halloween Party – the Commission was very pleased with the final brochure and banner. The table banner has yet to be delivered, but will be received in time for the Halloween Party. It was suggested by Angela that the goody bags be handed out from the YSB table.
9. Membership – Both Jonathan and Erin were sworn in for a new term. Most high school members resign their terms in June of their senior year. Erin will recruit two new HS students and ask that they attend one of our meetings. Josette’s term will end in December, and she will renew her term. Angela’s term will end in January, and she will not request to renew her term. Josette is considering the position of Chair upon the expiration of Angela’s term.
10. Public Comment – None. However, Bonnie Jones was present to provide an update on the MS YAC who are holding a babysitting night and Halloween craft night for pre-K to grade 2 where the children can dress up, and hear spooky stories. They will hold the annual Great Skate again this year, an Earth Day Clean Up, a Field Day, and help with the Christmas Tree Lighting. Bonnie has implemented their suggestion about having a student lead meetings.
11. Adjournment – Bob motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Erin. Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Ciottone, Chair

Next Meeting: November 15, 2021