
YFS Minutes 02/07/2017

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**Old Saybrook Youth & Family Services Commission Meeting
Minutes February 7, 2017; 5:30 pm
322 Main Street, Old Saybrook, CT 06475**

Members Present:

Sam Barnes, Chairman, Dept of Police Svcs. representative
Jonathan Paradis, Secretary; Parks and Recreation Representative
Mary Kennedy, Public Health Nursing Board Representative
Kiwon-Paul Dionne Jee, Student Representative
Sarah Anderson, Student Representative
Sharon Tiezzi, At-large member

Also Present:

Heather McNeil, Director Y&FS
Gerri Lewis, Clerk

Absent:

Sophie Alden, Student Representative
Jennifer Welsh, Vice Chairman, At-Large Member
Lisa Castro, School Representative
Philip Max Ledwith, Student Representative
Christi Staples, PCI Housing Representative

I.	Call to Order Chairman Barnes called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm. He welcomed attendees.
II.	Pledge of Allegiance Chairman Barnes led the pledge of allegiance.
III.	Comments from the Public None
IV.	Review and Approval of Minutes A motion made by Ms. Tiezzi to approve the minutes of January 3, 2017, was seconded by Mr. Paradis and was so VOTED with 1 abstention.
V.	Chairman's Comments Chairman Barnes welcomed everyone.
VI.	Director's Report Ms. McNeil thanked everyone for coming. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Governor's Prevention Partnership – E3' <p>Kiwon talked about the program for Alcohol Abuse with Teens. There are 8 students on the state-level council and 2 are from Old Saybrook. Ms. McNeil noted that E3 is part of the program. There was a E3 component at YAC, which meets on Wednesday nights.</p> <p>Ms. McNeil noted that on March 14th she and students will attend a Board of Education meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• YAC and Cardboard Community: Legacy Project: Mr. Ledwith is heading up the "Cardboard Community"Teen homeless issues. Date is April 28th.

YAC will explore the Parent Component at the Grace Episcopal Church 2/28 6:00 – 7:30.

Youth Leadership meeting 2/6; this meeting will get students to interact with new students.

Board of Finance meeting: Ms. McNeil, Director of Y&FS will sit before the board of finance to discuss her budget after this meeting.

Ms. McNeil touched on the following:

- Summer Programming: Kiernan O’herlihy will work part time at Y&FS this summer.
- Y&FS will be doing Movies at the Beach; 7/21; 7/28; 8/4;
- Trips with Park & Rec.;
- After School Club – Theater activities; Ms. McNeil hires college students; The Lion King show will be July 7th and 8th.
- In May, 2017 the outside of the building will be painted.
- OS Early Childhood Council; 2/9 meeting at Goodwin School; helping parents with language barriers;
- Possible idea/Eagle Scout Project: The Little Library; drop off / take out books. Go on “The Little Library” website for more information;
- Connecticut Trails Weekend: Park & Rec will sponsor a hiking event at Great Cedars the weekend of June 4th. There will be a small loop for young children who will participate.
- YAC students went to Public Health Nursing Board meeting and answered questions for the board. YAC students received a grant.

VII. **Old Business** – None

VIII. **New Business** - None

IX. **Other Business** – None

X. **Adjournment** – A motion to adjourn at 6:08 p.m. by Ms. Tiezzi, seconded by Ms. Kennedy was so VOTED unanimously.

Submitted: Gerri Lewis, Clerk