

Old Saybrook Youth & Family Services

Commission Meeting

Tuesday, March 5, 2019; 6:00 P.M.

Youth & Family Services Offices,

322 Main Street, Old Saybrook, CT 06475

“To collaboratively support and advocate for positive relationships in an inclusive community”

I. Roll Call	<p>Attendant Members: Jonathan Paradis, Old Saybrook Parks and Recreation; Mary Ann Iadarola, Public Nursing Board Representative; Sharon Tiezzi, Member-at-large</p> <p>Absent Members: Jennifer Welsh, Chair; Mike Rafferty, Retired Educator, Lisa Castro, Old Saybrook Middle School-School</p> <p>Student Representatives: Liam Welsh</p> <p>Absent Student Representatives: Carissa Schilke, Peter McNeil, Abbie Woodford</p> <p>Attendant Additional Student Guests: Emilia Mariol</p> <p>Attendant Staff: Heather McNeil, Executive Director Wendy Mill, Program Coordinator Angela Gaidry, Recording Clerk</p>
II. Call to Order	<p>H. McNeil called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM. Pledge of Allegiance</p>
III. Comments from the Public	<p>No one from the public was present.</p>
IV. Approval of Minutes	<p>Motion made by S. Tiezzi to approve the minutes of Tuesday, February 5, 2019 as presented. The motion was seconded by M. Iadarola and approved.</p>
V. Chairman’s Comments	<p>H. McNeil noted J. Welsh sent her apologies as unable to attend due to a memorial service. Would review “elevator pitch” next meeting.</p>
VI. Director’s Report for 3/05/2019	<p>H. McNeil welcomed W. Mill to speak about the recent E3 Trip to CADCA/Washington DC.</p> <p>E3 trip to CADCA/Washington, DC on Feb 4-7, 2019 W. Mill thanked the committee for their support and the Old Saybrook Education Foundation for their grant to help with some costs of the trip. It was an amazing and educational experience. All of the speakers were engaging and informative. Over 4,000 professionals and students (about 400 students) in attendance. OS brought 4 student representatives (1 ea. freshman, sophomore, junior, senior). W. Mill asked E. Mariol to speak about the experience and sessions attended. E. Mariol (sophomore) mentioned the group preferred attending the adult sessions that were much more helpful and informative. The teen sessions were too basic and the E3 students already knew much of the information. Capitol Hill Day (Feb. 6) was a bit intimidating but very enlightening and worthwhile. Met with Rep. J. Courtney which was a great highlight. Youth spoke regarding current JUULing trends and the need to</p>

	<p>increase regulation to this industry. The industry is marketing to teens (candy flavors, etc) and needs to stop. In addition, they believe in the need for an increase in the legal age of possession to 21. Youth also discussed issues re: the potential legalization/commercialization of marijuana in our state.</p> <p>Summer Stock Theater Transition H. McNeil mentioned that due to other projects, including more prevention programming for YFS staff and after in-depth discussions, the decision had been reached to transition Summer Stock Theater to Parks and Rec. J. Paradis mentioned he was excited by the addition of the program to Parks and Rec. He was glad W. Mill and J. Kelly (YFS Program Coordinators) would be continuing to help with the transition this summer. Some changes include becoming a 2 wk. program (9am-3pm M-F) with 1 show at the end. He has submitted a request for usage of OSMS auditorium, applied to the production company for the show, Frozen Jr. The after party will be held at the Parks & Rec.</p> <p>Chili Fest Recap – Saturday, March 2, 2019 YFS (YAC) table was sponsored by Susan Etsy of Etsy's. They were set-up in front of Red Hen Restaurant selling "YAC Snacks" and also a ballot station for patrons to obtain their ballots and spoons. It was a fun day interacting with people.</p> <p>Community Response to Recent Loss(es) YFS is working with the school, counselors, possible community discussions or vigil?</p> <p>Other OSHS Wellness Week (week of March 25th) and OSMS Wellness Day on April 11th</p> <p>Upcoming events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In collaboration with Tri-Town Youth Services, "Marijuana: Weeding Out Fact From Fiction" by Alicia Farrell, PhD on March 11th at Deep River Town Hall. • Collaborative Problem Solving (5 wks) with Davinna Schmitt at YFS • Free Narcan and QPR Training, March 18th at Westbrook Public Library
VII. Old Business	Nothing to report.
VIII. New Business	<p>Action steps and advocacy or report on initiatives by Commission members</p> <p>Next YFS Commission meeting scheduled for April 2, 2019@ 6:00PM</p>
IX. Other Business	Nothing to report.
X. Adjournment	Motion made by S.Tiezzi to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 PM. The motion was seconded by M. Iadarola and was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Gaidry, Recording Clerk