

**Old Saybrook Youth & Family Services**

**Commission Meeting**

**Tuesday, December 3, 2019; 5:30 PM**

**Youth & Family Services Offices,**

**322 Main Street, Old Saybrook, CT 06475**

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

<b>I. Roll Call</b>	<p><b>Attendant Members:</b> Jennifer Welsh, Chair; Mike Rafferty, Retired Educator, Jonathan Paradis, Old Saybrook Parks and Recreation; Lisa Castro, Old Saybrook Middle School Counselor, Michael Spera, Chief of Police</p> <p><b>Absent Members:</b> Mary Ann Iadarola, Public Nursing Board Representative; Sharon Tiezzi, Member-at-large</p> <p><b>Student Representatives:</b> Joe Bradley, Khushi Patel, Kyle Wisialowski, Carissa Schilke</p> <p><b>Absent Student Representatives:</b> n/a</p> <p><b>Attendant Staff:</b> Heather McNeil, Executive Director Angela Gaidry, Recording Clerk</p>
<b>II. Call to Order</b>	<p>Chief Spera called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Pledge of Allegiance</p>
<b>III. Comments from the Public</b>	<p>No one from the public was present.</p>
<b>IV. Approval of Minutes</b>	<p><b>Motion</b> made by M. Rafferty to approve the minutes of Tuesday, November 12, 2019 as presented. The motion was seconded by L. Castro and approved.</p>
<b>V. Chairman’s Comments</b>	<p>Chief Spera opened the meeting re: Turkey distribution. Great year of 875 turkeys collected, 29-30 shopping carts w/canned goods. Mini-grocery store at OSPD well-organized. Collected zip codes and # serving (60% OS, 40% other) Due to shortage from CT Food Bank, OSPD donated 130 turkeys to soup kitchen. Other turkeys to be available for Holiday Giving. Toy collection @ OSPD.</p> <p>J. Welsh discussed prep for Jan. 2020 mtg. Plant the seed for creating a legacy this year. What do we want to leave or what’s new for future programs?</p>
<b>VI. Director’s Report for 12/03/2019</b>	<p><b>Holiday Giving</b> Police Dept/Police Union collecting/donating new bikes. Several individuals and community organizations registered to Adopt-a-Family. In addition to toys, other groups will collect diapers, formula, etc.</p> <p><b>OSHS/E3 Health Class</b> After Vaping presentation and buyback a few weeks ago, some vapes have still been handed in to SRO at OSHS. E3 will make the presentation to OSMS (date: Jan 10?)</p> <p><b>Social Hosting</b> New London Attorney presented Social Hosting @ Pavilion on 11/21. Education and Communication presentation posted on YFS website.</p> <p>Student K. Patel discussed OSHS E3 students have designed these garden flags and</p>

	<p>they are available to all households (for a minimal fee of \$5). Flags will identify "safe homes" that are substance-free for all underage members of our community. Contract, pledge?</p> <p>Chief Spera suggested video collaboration with E3/Police as a soft launch &amp; police endorsed. Then re-distribute before prom season.</p> <p><b>CADCA</b> W. Mill looking to attend the Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America (CADCA) conference again next year with 4 E3 students. Need to raise funds and solicit donations. Current ongoing fundraiser- Seasonal Ornament Sale \$10</p> <p><b>Civic Organization Presentations</b> Presentations to be scheduled-Public Health Nursing Board, Exchange Club of OS/Westbrook E3 to present at Rotary Club mtg. January 8<sup>th</sup> Board of Ed</p> <p><b>Budget Prep 2020-2021</b> Commission Vote Jan. 7<sup>th</sup></p> <p><b>Other</b> Student J. Bradley-OSHS Chamber Singers opening for Pentatonix @ Mohegan Sun on Saturday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> Frosty 5K (formerly Jingle Bell Run) and Santa Breakfast on Dec. 7th Thank you to PTO @ Goodwin for including turkeys with pie sale.</p>
<b>VII. Old Business</b>	Nothing to report.
<b>VIII. New Business</b>	<p><b>Action steps and advocacy or report on initiatives by Commission members</b></p> <p>Next YFS Commission meeting scheduled for <b>January 7<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30PM</b></p>
<b>IX. Other Business</b>	Nothing to report.
<b>X. Adjournment</b>	<p><b>Motion</b> made by J. Welsh to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 PM. The motion was seconded by M. Rafferty and approved unanimously.</p>

Respectfully submitted,  
Angela Gaidry, Recording Clerk