

**Old Saybrook Youth & Family Services**

**Commission Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 7, 2020; 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, Mary Ann Iadarola, Public Nursing Board Representative; Michael Spera, Chief of Police</p> <p><b>Absent Members:</b> Sharon Tiezzi, Member-at-large</p> <p><b>Student Representatives:</b> n/a</p> <p><b>Absent Student Representatives:</b> Joe Bradley, Khushi Patel, Kyle Wisialowski, Carissa Schilke</p> <p><b>Attendant Staff:</b> Heather McNeil, Executive Director</p>
<b>II. Call to Order</b>	Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM. Pledge of Allegiance
<b>III. Comments from the Public</b>	No one from the public was present.
<b>IV. Approval of Minutes</b>	<p><b>Motion</b> made by M. Rafferty to approve the minutes of Tuesday, December 3, 2019 as presented.</p> <p>The motion was seconded by L. Castro and approved.</p>
<b>V. Chairman’s Comments</b>	<p>J. Welsh 2020 Intention Setting - The Chair presented the group a list and schedule of monthly intentions for each meeting. January was focused on collaboration. She would like each month to have a unique intention for meetings and commission business each month to drive home our mission and vision statement and “Elevator Speech.” January was “How our commission can collaborate.”</p> <p>Chief Spera proposed that we rearrange the agenda to protect students from more adult conversations. The idea was well received and the concept of a Youth Advocacy Schedule on a Quarterly schedule was discussed. Any action was tabled.</p>
<b>VI. Director’s Report for 1/07/2020</b>	<p><b>Social Services Budget</b> A lean budget was presented and M. Rafferty made a motion to accept the budget as presented. It was seconded by J. Paradis and approved.</p> <p><b>Holiday Giving Program</b> H.McNeil presented information on this year’s Holiday giving program. While numbers were slightly down from the year prior, overall the program was a success. There were 82 families served and 192 children served. We have 50 individual donors and 20 Businesses making donations. There was a total of \$2,575.00 donated by individuals as well.</p> <p><b>LEAD</b> Ten (10) communities from the Shoreline will head to HK High School for an event. OS will send 10 kids as well. There will be a cost of about \$40.00 per child to attend.</p>

	<p><b>YAC</b> We will now allow 7th graders to join YAC Jr.'s. YAC will work with the Masons for the Chamber of Commerce's Chili Fest this year. The Masons will pay for all supplies and use their kitchen to cook the chili.</p> <p><b>E3</b> They will present to the Rotary Club at Saybrook Point Inn for a donation and support of about \$5,000.00 to support the CADCA event in Washington DC. Friday they will be presenting to the middle school on the dangers of vaping.</p> <p><b>Budget Prep 2020-2021</b> Budget currently shows a .04% reduction in overall costs, it is down a total of \$2,572.00. Angela has done a great job with the budget and working with the accounting department to streamline the process. M. Rafferty made a motion to propose a vote to accept the budget as presented in the total of \$577,654.00 by the Director. The motion was seconded by Chief M. Spera and unanimously approved.</p> <p><b>Circle of Security</b> OSECC is offering a 7 week course for parents looking for help in parenting their kids. Registration is required and there will be food and child care available. This is a free program that will run Feb. 4th – March 25th at Goodwin Elementary School. It is open to all area towns and there are several people already registered.</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> Next YFS Commission meeting scheduled for <b>February 4<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30PM</b></p>
<b>IX. Other Business</b>	Nothing to report.
<b>X. Adjournment</b>	<b>Motion</b> made by M. Rafferty to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jonathan Paradis, Commission Secretary