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# YFS Minutes 04/04/2017

## Old Saybrook Youth & Family Services Commission Meeting Minutes April 4, 2017; 5:30 pm 322 Main Street, Old Saybrook, CT 06475

### Members Present:

Sam Barnes, Chairman, Dept of Police Svcs. representative  
Jennifer Welsh, Vice Chairman, At-Large Member (5:44)  
Mary Kennedy, Public Health Nursing Board Representative  
Sophie Alden, Student Representative  
Philip Max Ledwith, Student Representative  
Lisa Castro, School Representative  
Christi Staples, PCI Housing Representative  
Sharon Tiezzi, At-large member

### Also Present:

Heather McNeil, Director Y&FS  
Gerri Lewis, Clerk

### Absent:

Jonathan Paradis, Secretary; Parks and Recreation Representative  
Kiwon-Paul Dionne Jee, Student Representative  
Sarah Anderson, Student Representative

I.	<b><u>Call to Order</u></b> Chairman Barnes called the meeting to order at 5:39 pm.
II.	<b><u>Pledge of Allegiance</u></b> Chairman Barnes led the pledge of allegiance.
III.	<b><u>Comments from the Public</u></b> None
IV.	<b><u>Review and Approval of Minutes</u></b> A motion made by Ms. Kennedy to approve the minutes of March 7, 2017, was seconded by Ms. Tiezzi and was so VOTED unanimously.
V.	<b><u>Chairman's Comments</u></b> Chairman Barnes welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. He then turned it over to Ms. McNeil.
VI.	<b><u>Director's Report</u></b> Ms. McNeil thanked everyone for coming. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Wellness Weeks OSMS/OSHS</li></ul> <p>Wellness days at OSMS and OSHS: Wellness day is April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Middle School. April 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> are wellness days at the high school. Psychological, physical and financial discussions are covered at the Wellness Days. The staff concentrated on relaxing techniques as well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Outside of agency painting/this summer</li></ul> <p>This summer the Youth &amp; Family Services building is going to get painted and repaired. There will be new shutters and new colors!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cardboard Community 4/28/17</li></ul> <p>Mr. Ledwith is heading up the "Cardboard Community" Senior Project. This is about teen homeless issues. Date is April 28<sup>th</sup> on the Town Green. Christy Staples will be helping with publicity for this project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rotary presentation 4/5/17</li></ul>

	<p>Ms. McNeil and Ms. Mill will accompany Mr. Ledwith to make a presentation to the Rotary Club of Old Saybrook on April 5<sup>th</sup> on "Cardboard Community." Mr. Ledwith will be presenting a power point presentation on the topic and also talk about sponsorships.</p> <p>Ms. McNeil talked about HCHY being a separate advisory board. Our HCHY activities will continue by restarting our reaching out to community members to support our multi-generational activities.</p>
VII.	<p><b>Old Business</b> – Ms. McNeil talked about the search survey. A group will go before the Board of Education on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.</p> <p>Ms. McNeil noted that she submitted an Early Education Childhood Grant. The funds will support YAC.</p> <p>Ms. McNeil reported that Jody and Wendy will do Summer Stock Theater.</p> <p>Mr. Ledwith noted the declining attendance at YAC. Ms. McNeil suggested that it may be due to sports; time of year.</p>
VIII.	<p><b>New Business</b></p> <p>Ms. McNeil noted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• adult classes:</li> </ul> <p>Healing Essential Oils; Grandparents group; (getting requests); Ms. Castro suggested bilingual classes. Ms. McNeil noted that they will be looking at a bilingual intern next Fall. Ms. Staples noted that there is funding available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End of year awards - May 11<sup>th</sup> Under classmen;</li> <li>• Senior awards – June 1<sup>st</sup>;</li> </ul>
IX.	<p><b><u>Other Business</u></b> – None</p>
X.	<p><b><u>Adjournment</u></b> – A motion to adjourn at 6:06 p.m. by Ms. Tiezzi, seconded by Ms. Castro was so VOTED unanimously.</p> <p>Submitted: Gerri Lewis, Clerk</p>