

Holliston Youth Advisory Council

Present: Bob Naughton (Chair), Margaret Fitzpatrick, , Holly Fischer-Engel, Frankie Servidio, Gretchen Hazen-Powers, Lynne Rahim, Karl Cousseillant, Prospective new member - Kassandra Cousseillant, Ellen Gallivan.

Absent: Darlene Vittori-Marsell, Peggy Payne.

Opening Remarks:

Holly made a motion to open which was seconded by Lynne. Having a motion and a second, Council members unanimously agreed to open this meeting.

Gretchen made a motion to accept the March minutes which was seconded by Ellen.

Director's Report:

1. Margaret stated that things are very busy with increased referrals and a resulting increased client load. A big part of this is seeing students at the high school during school hours.
2. Chrissy has started her Court Diversion Group and Margaret was to start a boys group after April break that would focus on understanding and improving decision making.
3. Margaret stated that in comparison to other YFS, she and Chrissy are being compensated at the low end of the pay scale and that although the budget process is closed for FY 17, she has since shared this information with FinCom and the Selectmen. She has also been communicating with FinCom about creative ways to increase YFS capacity, i.e. Possibly increasing Chrissy's hours to 40hrs/wk.
4. Construction/renovation to the 1750 Washington Street building will begin in May and in addition to paint for YFS offices, will mostly affect Parks and Rec with the construction of an elevator.

New Business:

1. The board continues to work on Margaret's yearly review.

2. The board discussed goals for YFS, going forward. 1) Continue collaboration with other town departments as needed, understanding that this may vary year to year with the exception of the schools. 2) Increase YFS capacity to serve the town of Holliston and 3) Bring pay in line with surrounding towns.

3. Board replacement update: Bob has found his replacement, Charlie Coughlin, who will attend next meeting. The board welcomed Karlø's sister Kassandra as Karlø's replacement. Frankie is still working on her replacement and Jen Liebermann was discussed as a possible replacement for Gretchen/Ellen.

Closing Remarks: Ellen motioned to adjourn the meeting and Lynne seconded.

Next Meeting: The next YFS board meeting will be held on Monday, May 16, 2016, at the YFS office, 1750 Washington Street.

Respectfully Submitted By: Lynne Rahim