

YOUTH BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

DATE: 12/14/10

The regular monthly meeting of the Youth Bureau Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, December 14th at 4:30 PM in the Conference Room at the Youth Bureau.

Commissioners present: Eberhart, San Jule, Steele, Wright

Commissioners excused: Tobin, Underwood, Gambitta, Ryan

Others present: Director McNerney & Assistant Director Scott

The minutes of the previous meeting, Financial, Director, Assistant Director, Recreation Supervisor and Youth Services Activity Reports were gone over. There was not a quorum present so no motions were made.

The bills in the amount of \$7,035.73 were looked over.

Other Business:

- A. John reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Looked at the total project cost for repairs at Yaman Park. The Community Foundation gave \$5,805.00 and the shortfall will be made up by a group from Leadership Cortland who will do some fundraising.
- B. A group of 50 went to NYC for a family trip on Saturday, December 11th. The trip was well executed and they had very good weather. Kudos to Mackenzie Mastro, Americorps Volunteer.
- C. John reviewed the budget summary. We have held the line of spending and will be turning money back to the city at the end of the year. 7140.415 contractual line is shown in red, but has not yet been reimbursed by SUNY Cortland Sports Institute. The Teen Center utility line is in the red (\$1,072.69) and John is not sure why. We have a new furnace and cost should be going down. John is checking with Rob Avery on this.
- D. John reviewed bills for this past month. Mentioned that the mayor now has a committee focused on green technology and sustainability issues. They have requested that the Youth Bureau put recycle bins in all the city parks in 2011.
- E. John's Report: Tom asked about item 7 on the report. John is working with a sports management class. Looking at some netting for a foul ball area or may be moving the pavilion to the area that is a problem for foul balls. Item 9, Pete Koryzo has retired from SUNY Cortland. John worked with Pete on many collaborative projects. He will be missed. There are 19 kids on the Greek Peak Ski Club for this year. Last year there were 27. In the old days there used to be about 40 students who signed up. The decline is probably due to the tough economic times we are facing.

- F. Cecile's Report: Cecile brought in a sample of the calendar she has been working on with Mindy Leisenring from the Historical Society. The Cortland Sports: 100 Years in Photos has been a huge hit!
- G. Andrea's Report: Cross Country Skiing will begin this weekend. Equipment is available to borrow at the Water Works.
- H. Youth Services Report: Jim Yaman donated a 55 inch TV to the Teen Center. The kids are really enjoying it! The Teen Center has received good press by the Cortland Standard; one article on bullying and the other on the Teen Center meal/cooking program.
- I. John discussed the city budget updates. The Cortlandville board has decided to give us \$77,000 instead of the requested \$90,000. The shortfall needs to be made up on the Youth Bureau budget. John recommended that the \$13,000 shortfall be made up by taking the new truck out of the budget. Dan Quail recommended that the shortfall be taken out of the beaches and pools line (7180.103 and 7180.104). He recommends taking \$8,000 out of the 7180.103 line and \$4,000 out of the utility line (7180.411) since there is a sizeable balance. John brought up Chad's idea about resident fee structure, but the Cortlandville board did not like that idea and has suggested no change in resident user fee.
- J. John wanted the board's approval on the Protect Youth Sports Program. Currently, we do not have a background check program in place. Right now, if we have a concern, we can call the police department to run a background check. The Protect Youth Sports program is very economical and had a quick turn around. John handed out a pie chart indicating the numbers of part time staff currently working for the Youth Bureau on a yearly basis. It was recommended that a background check be done every 2 years. This will cost about \$1,500 a year, which we can cover out of the revenue taken in for each youth registering for a sport program.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecile Scott