

## YOUTH BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

DATE: 1/11/11

The regular monthly meeting of the Youth Bureau Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM at the Youth Bureau in the Conference Room.

Commissioners present: Gambitta, Steele, Underwood, Van Gorder, Wright

Commissioners excused: Eberhart, San Jule, Schaap

Others present: Director McNerney, Assistant Director Scott and Ken Teter

The minutes of the previous meeting were read over and some corrections were made. Commissioner Schaap was excused for the meeting. Under other business, section A. 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, it should state that John will work with Cortland Leadership. Under section D., mentioned that the mayor now has an **environmental** committee.

There was not a quorum for this meeting, so no motions were made.

The bills for \$928.33 were gone over.

Other Business:

- A. John reviewed the last financial statement for the year. We have turned back \$98,338.21 to the city that was unspent. Chad asked about the potential impact of turning back the money to the general fund. Should John be ready to talk about the amount we are turning back and make sure they don't think they can cut us by that amount next year? Many suggested having a list of the things we did to save money and the sacrifices that were made.
- B. John's Report: John will be taking the polar bear plunge as part of the United Way fundraiser.
- C. Andrea's Report: Cross Country Skiing will start this weekend.
- D. Krissy asked about the Cortlandville donation request of \$90,000. Cortlandville decided on the figure of \$77,000 which is up from \$70,000 last year. We are the only ones who received an increase from the previous year. The \$14,000 shortfall was made up through \$8,000 from the beaches and pools for lifeguards and utilities at Yaman Park.
- E. Reviewed Cecile's Report and Youth Services Activity Report.

- F. John shared a letter from Jackie Negri from the Association of New York State Youth Bureaus. The letter highlights Governor Cuomo's Urban Agenda. The key areas are: Obesity and Exercise, Increasing Literacy, Youth at Risk, Youth Summer Employment, Healthy Eating and Re-entry. The Youth Bureau currently does a good job of addressing all these areas through successful programs.
- G. John introduced Ken Teter to the board. Ken is the engineer for the project on the Beaudry building that went out to bid in November and the bids all came back too high. Ken stated that there are 4 areas that can be explored to address the shortfall: (1) square footage, (2) type of construction, (3) materials for construction, (4) the role of DPW in the project. Reducing the square footage does not seem like a good answer since the building is already pretty small. The goal is to try to maintain the look of the building. We can go to a metal roof, but keep the sides wood, possibly do away with the basement. At the council meeting on Tuesday the bids will have to be rejected officially. Hopefully the council will allow the Youth Bureau to move forward with the project. Chad suggested some ideas for finding additional revenue such as naming rights to the building.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecile Scott