YOUTH BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
DATE: 4/10/12

The regular monthly meeting of the Youth Bureau Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, April 10th at 4:30 PM at the Youth Bureau in the Conference Room.

Commissioners present: Eberhart, Gambitta, SanJule, Steele, Wright

Commissioners excused: VanGorder, Tobin

Others present: Director McNerney, Assistant Director Scott, Sara Earl from Bridges for Kids, Heather Johnson and Corey Nortz (Youth Bureau intern)

The minutes of the previous meeting, Financial, Director, Assistant Director, Recreation Supervisor and Youth Services Activity Reports were read over. Since there was no quorum at the beginning of the meeting, no motions were made.

The bills totaling $12, 308.31 were gone over for payment.

Other Business:

A. Sara Earl from Bridges for Kids presented information to the board about her mentoring program. There are over 200 families involved. All come from stressed situations, economic hardship, below poverty level, and some are from foster care. Of the 87 mentors, 20 are community members. Sara would like to increase the number of community mentors. She would also like to recruit more male volunteers. There are currently 80 children on the waiting list! The board was very impressed with the program and suggested that Sara might want to do a presentation to the Cortland Leadership Program to recruit new mentors among that group.

B. Reviewed minutes from last meeting. There were no changes to the minutes.

C. Reviewed bills and the financial summary. Noted the increase in the fuel line, which doubled this month. Also noted the $1,441.94 to S & S World Supplies (arts and crafts for Summer program) and the $2,7655.00 for the Spring/Summer brochure.

D. Reviewed Director, Assistant Director, Recreation Supervisor and Youth Services Reports. The Youth Center trips to Washington, DC and New York City were discussed. There were 10 youth that went on the DC trip. The New York City trip is a family trip and will definitely fill up before the deadline.

E. Corey Nortz and Heather Johnson shared a draft of the 2011 Annual Report that they have been working on with Andrea Piedigrossi. Corey and Heather produced the content and Andrea provided the graphic design. Response from the board was extremely positive. The reports highlights the Cortland Youth Bureau's accomplishments in 2011 and the goals/challenges to be faced in 2012 and beyond.

F. Cecile passed out information on the CNY Energy Challenge. The city has signed on for this endeavor.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Cecile Scott
Assistant Director