

Mansfield YSB Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 14, 2006
12 noon @ YSB

Attendees:

Ethel Mantzaris, Frank Perrotti, Michael Collins, Kevin Grunwald, Jerry Marchon;
Pat Michalak

Regrets:

Candace Morrell, Eileen Griffin, Mike Collins, Chris Murphy, Rachel Leclerc, Tom
Miller, Shawnee Mason, Brittany Cushman, Jake Hovanic

Agenda Items:

1. Pat provided a summary of activities occurring in the month of October.

The following activities occurred in the month of October 2006.

Special Education Dinner and close to 100% attendance 30 people. Parents listened to
Tony Wolf, speaker on parenting teens.

b. Met with Suzan Warner, LPN, hospice bereavement coordinator. She shared
information with us regarding development and implementation of a bereavement group
for children and families.

c. PAWS will be looking into establishing a scholarship fund in memory of Jimmy
Mooney.

d. Prevention video DVD is completed and parent showing will be scheduled for mid
December.

e. Children's illustrator, Ken Stetz, worked with our homework group students. Kids
loved it

f. Cope letters have been sent out to all families in the elementary schools and the
groups will begin after Thanksgiving.

g. Great turn out for Juniper Hill intergenerational bingo over 40 people. Many seniors
and students dressed for Halloween.

Homework group has been the best yet. 15 Tutors and 15 students, parents group has
also been having good attendance.

2. Board approved dates for the Advisory Board for the up coming year. Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month.
3. Discussion about the Good Grief bereavement program. Frank Perotti suggested contacting possible volunteers
4. Ethel Mantzaris asked to view the prevention video DVD at our next meeting.
5. Ethel Mantzaris asked when Janit Romayko's position will be filled and Kevin Grunwald said he hopes to have it filled before she leaves. If the position is filled by the current counselor he will look to fill that position as soon as possible. He doesn't think there will be a need to advertise again since he can look at the resumes from the Coordinator position.
6. Frank Perotti asked that the town provide a citation from the mayor to recognize Janit Romayko's commitment and years of excellent service to the YSB. Kevin Grunwald agreed to contact the mayor and obtain the citation, which will be presented to Janit by the board before she leaves at the end of this year.
7. Ethel Mantzaris asked Kevin Grunwald if he had any information he would like to share with the group. He talked about the underage drinking grant that was awarded to the DSS. There are 5 steps, first being assessment. He said they won't be starting the programming for awhile. Kevin Grunwald mentioned that Mike Collins attended the Community Campus Partnership meeting last month. Group meets the first Friday of each month and Kevin Grunwald encouraged all to attend saying that is was a good opportunity to hear what is going on at the college and to also hear from the students' perspective. The board agreed to rotate, sending a member each month.
8. Ethel Mantzaris requested that we add to our agenda each month a report from Kevin Grunwald. Kevin Grunwald agreed to provide the board with a monthly update.
9. Frank Perotti made a motion " to make a donation to the grief group in honor of Janit Romayko" seconded by Ethel Mantzaris.
10. Frank Perotti asked to be involved in the planning for the budget, Kevin Grunwald agreed to keep him informed and involved.
11. Ethel Mantzaris suggested that we attempt to get more people involved on our board.
12. Ethel Mantzaris suggested that background checks be done on anyone hired to work with children. Kevin Grunwald agreed to do so.
13. Ethel Mantzaris asked that board members be instructed to call or email the YSB office if they are unable to attend the meeting.
14. Ethel Mantzaris asked that minutes be sent out 2 weeks before the next meeting.

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Meeting adjourned at 1:00

Respectfully,

Patricia Michalak
Secretary