

Mansfield YSB Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 3, 2007
11:00am @ YSB Office

Attendees: Ethel Mantzaris, Frank Perrotti,
Samantha Kandolin, student

Staff: Pat Michalak, Kathy McNamara

Regrets: None

Call to Order

Ethel Mantzaris, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:07

- I. Approval of Minutes – **MOTION** by Ethel Mantzaris seconded by Frank Perrotti, approved minutes as submitted.

Pat Michalak, Youth Service Coordinator

The month of June was busy with end of the school year activities as well as numerous new referrals to our agency for clinical assessment, crisis intervention, and treatment. Successful completion of the Respect Me Grant

Youth Services June Activities 2007

- YSB Staff and middle school student representatives participated in a Youth Leadership Field Trip. Activities and Discussion included choosing your attitude, developing your personal mission statement, communication, time management and teamwork activities.
- Grandparents group met this month and they are enjoying the fruits of their labor. Their legislative efforts have paid off regarding the Kindership Care Bill.
- Summer Girl's group has been a great success, girls are learning to become more confident, improve communication and interpersonal skills.
- Summer COPE for parents has been meeting regularly focusing on issues of divorce, custody, visitation and how best to protect children from the difficulties of divorce.

- YSB Staff had their quarterly meeting with Court Support Services Division personnel
 - Staff supported the schools by participating in many end of the year student/parent-planning meeting.
 - Summer Challenge has started their first phase and sixteen 7th and 8th grade students have participated in a week long wilderness experience. They will have a slide show presentation for family, friends and community members at the Senior Center on July 19th at 7:00.
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- YSB staff is meeting with the personnel at the Psychological Services Center at UCONN and private therapists in the community to discuss possible collaboration of services.
 - YSB staff organized an Intergenerational end of the year celebration party with Juniper Hill residents and children. Over 60 people attended.
 - YSB staff collaborated with the Mansfield Middle School staff to organize an End of the Year Appreciation cook –out for students and their parents.
 - YSB staff helped secure camperships for many Mansfield students using the funds raised for the Noah Farland Fund.

II. Old Business: None

III. New Business: Samantha Kandolin presented her ideas and evaluation of YSB's new children and families computer station.

IV. Other: Staff is very excited about the summer programs

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Pat Michalak

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Coordinator