

**SHELTON YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU  
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 18, 2012**

**Attendance:** James Geissler, Deborah Zahornacky, Denise Turecek, Dee Kopec, Patricia Stanchfield, Lorraine Williams, James Guarrera, Dave Munson, Howard Gura, John Trovarelli, Laura Lee Soncarato, Kay Redmond, DeVante Parks, Carly Seamon, Amani Ward

**Absent:** Jill Chase, Audrey Dreyer, Ken Saranich, Nicholas Zerella, Jay Correia

**Staff:** Julie Penry, Sally Schwaller, Silvia Rodriguez, Livia Draper

**I.** Vice Chair Jim Geissler called the meeting to order at 7:50 a.m.

**II.** Motion made by Dee Kopec and seconded by Denise Turecek to accept the November 2011 minutes. Motion carried.

**III.** Reports of Committees

**Youth Representatives**

Carly Seamon advised Y2Y is preparing a curriculum for upcoming SIS health classes-topics to include bullying/texting. Kick Butts Day-March 2012-will target both SIS and high school students this year. DeVante Parks reported the mentoring program with youth at the Boys and Girls Club has started. He also reported that Y2Y is planning a team-building weekend trip to Camp Jewell in April. Amani Ward informed the board that the group is working on a 5<sup>th</sup>&6<sup>th</sup> grade carnival fundraiser to be held either at Perry Hill School or the Community Center.

**IV.** Reports of staff

**A. Director's Report**

Julie Penry reported that the holiday party at Spooner House was a success and thanked Sally Schwaller, Silvia Rodriguez and the Y2Y kids for their great work.

Julie heard that SIS might be losing its SRO. After discussion, the board suggested that Julie write a letter to the mayor - to be signed by Jill Chase, Advisory Board Chair - on the importance of keeping the SRO in place. It was further suggested that the PTO's from SIS and Perry Hill School might also send letters to the mayor on this issue.

Julie and Silvia will be conducting life skills classes at St. Joseph Elementary School sometime in April/May (waiting to hear from the principal on the dates).

Two "STAMP Out Bullying" student presentations (Jay Banks Productions) are scheduled at Perry Hill School on April 2.

Julie will be meeting with 3 high school teachers about ways to deal with kids' language and racial slurs (maybe through classroom programs). More to follow.

Party People in Milford have been contracted for this summer's Outdoor Movie Program.

The Juvenile Review Board is going well.

Julie and Sally hope to address the February PTSO meeting about the SYSB's prom safety program scheduled this spring.

The SYSB's proposed budget request has been submitted to City Hall. The request includes salary increases for staff, as well as start-up expenses for the Teen Center (from our Program Account).

**B. Youth Advocate's Report**

Silvia Rodriguez reported that Y2Y raised \$250 for their holiday Adopt-a-Family project

She informed the board that DeVante Parks was Interact Club's Student of the Month for November and Carly Seamon was Student of the Month for December. Both will be recognized at the Derby-Shelton Rotary luncheon on January 26.

Plans are underway to schedule a car wash fundraiser at the Community Center – sometime in May.

**C. C.A.P. Report and Teen Center Report**

Sally informed the board that she has met with the Parish Nurses about the upcoming pre-prom event (to be held at Griffin Hospital) and added that Ansonia, Derby and Seymour are on board. She also hopes to speak to the Student Council about this program.

Sally added that the Safe Sitter program has been revamped and looks better than before. About 15 girl scouts are scheduled for the next class.

Teen Center – Dee Kopec advised that a 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Winter Dance is scheduled this Friday, January 20, at the Intermediate School.

**Old Business**

None

**V. New Business**

John Trovarelli informed the board that the Valley Has a Heart food drive is scheduled February 11. Y2Y kids will be volunteering 9am-2pm.

**VII. Motion made by Howie Gura and seconded by Pat Stanchfield to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 a.m. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Zahornacky  
Secretary