



Youth Commission Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2016 @ 8PM
Chalk Hill
375 Fan Hill Road
Monroe, CT 06468

- I. Attendees -- Jen A., Kelly, Nicole, Barb, Lauren, Elaina, Jessica Thompson
- II. Review and Approve September minutes
 - a. Motioned by Jen A
 - b. Seconded by Elaina
 - c. All in favor
- III. Public Participation
 - a. Jessica Thompson of Ben's Lighthouse: Ben's Lighthouse came about after Sandy Hook, in honor of Ben Wheeler (went to same church as Jessica). The club is in both Newtown & Masuk (the two often collaborate) - this is the 2nd year here and they focus on youth community service. At Masuk they do a candy drive, cards for troops, money for cancer research, put together care packages for Bridgeport Rescue Mission. At Newtown Art's Festival kids paint on murals. 40 kids in the club, they pick what to do. The Masuk group is going to start a mentoring program at Jockey Hollow (working with guidance counselor) to help kids adjust and get involved.
 - b. Link to video about the program - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A2VD8K975M>
 - c. Talked about having the group get involved and partnering with us on the ice cream social - also could collect extra candy at Trick-or-Trunk. **Lauren to send Jessica info on both programs.**
- IV. Old business
 - a. Mealtime Matters -- event was cancelled due to lack of responses. We spent \$23.40 on advertising. Newtown had a successful event - **Kelly to find out who ran it so we can get in touch with them for tips.**
 - i. Ideas for next year: sell tickets at Farmer's Market, send home flyer with kids, hand out flyers over summer at events.
 - b. Trick-or-Truck -- October 30th at Masuk. We will have garbage cans - no bathrooms open. **YC to be there at 1:30PM and wear your MYC shirt.** Lot opens at 2. We will have coloring, ring toss, bean bags.
 - i. Making coffee - **Lauren to buy and make the coffee (get carafes from Barb)**
 - ii. **Jen will order donuts and get cider**
 1. If Jen is away this weekend, Lauren will pick up the donuts and get all supplies from Jen in advance.
 - iii. CERT will control traffic
 - iv. Jen reached out to Steve to get a fire truck there and Nicole confirmed Chief is working on getting a police officer there.
 - c. Parent Support Group -- Jen will be setting all dates soon. Some ideas - I'm your parent, not your friend and the letter you wish your teen could write to you.
 - i. **Jen to get the dates to Lauren so we can get a flyer out ASAP**
- V. New business
 - a. Finances



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- i. \$300 from Sprint this year. **Kelly to meet with Finance to find out where we are supposed to deposit it.**
- ii. \$445 in Friendship Fund (2015 Sprint and 2015 Minds in Motion). Once we know where to deposit the Sprint money, we will move this over.
- iii. Where is the 2014 Sprint Money? **Kelly will ask finance if they know.**
- b. Postcards - using the one Lauren designed. **Lauren to send to Kelly and Kelly to get printed up.**
- c. Social Media Update & Insights
 - i. Now on LinkedIn, Instagram & Twitter
 - ii. The FB page and website are getting a lot of traffic
 - iii. Want to add resources to website, if anyone has any ideas, send to Lauren. Will add 211, Cares, Women's Center, Center for Family Justice.

VI. Update from other organizations

- a. Social Services
 - i. Wellness Fair was put together well but not well attended. About 60 people there - discussed needing to know how to draw in more people.
 - ii. CAP class was really good. Attendees learned stuff on drugs and suicide prevention. 22 registered for it.
- b. ADAM
 - i. Opioid Forum to be in late March and called Courageous Community. Will be at Masuk and still looking for a speaker.
 - ii. Underage Drinking Forum is on 11/9
 - iii. Thinking about having Chris Herren every two years.
 - iv. Discussed police searches of lockers at PTC, it was agreed it can happen but first the police will have a presentation at a PTC meeting with info for parents.
- c. PD - Nicole brought 400 pounds of drugs to be burned (7 months worth)

VII. Adjourn

- a. Motioned by Elaina
- b. Seconded by Nicole
- c. All in favor
- d. Ended at 9:25PM

Next meeting: Thursday, November 17th @ 7PM in Town Hall Conference Room 204