

**Youth Service Commission**  
**MINUTES**  
**December 4th, 2018**

**Meeting Called to Order:** A. Ellis called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

**Roll Call:** A. Ellis ( P ); M. Nunn ( P ); County Rep. K. Patronick ( P ); L. Monetti ( P ); Council M. Alberto ( A ); Mayor S. K. Pote ( P ); Juvenile Detective ( P ) Sub. Jason Moberly ( P )

**Reports:**

The Youth Services Quarterly Report has been updated to reflect changes made at the October meeting. The funds originally allocated for the “Girls on Track “ program will now cover the cost of what was once called the “Homework Club” and has now been revised to the “Pursuit of Excellence”. Programs will be run at both Bayberry and Valley View Schools. The “TREPS Club” is also included in the budget and will be run at Valley View School.

**New Business:**

L. Monetti mentioned that several positions are available on the Commission as seven members are required. On Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> the Borough of Watchung will hold it’s annual Re-organization meeting which is when they will swear in Mayor elect Keith Balla who may become a member and two new Councilwomen, Lindsay Goodloe and Daryl Eisenberg Knegten one of which will be our Council Liaison. Maria Alberto will stay on as a member and representative as a public member. Also two youth members have been recommended by the school and it is anticipated that they will accept the appointment. J. Moberly is now sitting in as the temporary member until the position of Juvenile Detective is filled.

M. Nunn invited the YS Commission to attend an assembly being held at Valley View School on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. An educator and author Orly Wahba, who is the CEO and owner of a non-profit organization called “Life Vest Inside” will speak about the effects of positivity and her book “The Kindness Boomerang” which motivates students to embrace the power of kindness. M. Nunn mentioned that the students will make a canvas quilt after the assembly that signifies what kindness means to them in an effort to decrease the epidemic of bullying in the schools. Also part of the program will be “Daily Kind” announcements and kindness quotes of the day with positive affirmations. She mentioned this will be an ongoing initiative involving peer leaders. K.Patronick mentioned that using mindfulness could be incorporated into the “Kindness” program. M. Nunn reported that extra funds were needed for the “Pursuit of Excellence” in the amount of \$530. and she wanted to use any leftover funds for the “Kindness Club” if approved. A. Ellis made a motion to use the leftover funds from the 2017/18 grant to fun the “Kindness Club” supplies. Mayor S. Pote 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all were in favor.

**Unfinished Business:**

As there is \$1382.57 left over from the 2017/18 Annual Grant the Commission voted to use these funds as listed above.

**Treasurer report:**

The balance in the donation account remains at \$67.15.  
All other funds have been allocated of the \$5,000. 2018-19 Annual Grant.  
\$1382.57 remains available for programs from the 2017-18 grant.

**Correspondence:** Quarterly Report

**County Report;** K. Patronick mentioned the county will be holding a program called “Safe and Sound” on domestic violence, understanding trauma and court assistance. She reported that no programs will be held in December.

**Next Meeting Schedule:**

The next Youth Service meeting date will be held in February and determined by the Commission upon their availability.

**Adjournment:** As there was no further business A. Ellis adjourned the meeting at 5:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted by;

*Linda Monetti*

Youth Service Secretary