

Youth Services Commission
Minutes of
Meeting June 12, 2012

Watchung Municipal Youth Services Commission Meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM by Ms. Blackadar.

In attendance were: Dr. Malyska; Ms. Mary Nunn; Ms. Chris Blackadar, and Miss. Claire Barrameda. Also in attendance was Ms. Cindy Britt from the County Youth Services Commission and Mayor Gerald Mobus.

Ms. Britt reported that she did receive the Grant application. Freeholders will be approving the grants and checks will be going out in September.

Dr. Malyska said she only applied for the Annual Grant this year because the amount being awarded for the Competitive Grant has been cut to a maximum of \$2,500 this year and to come up with a program or some acceptable addition to a current program would be very difficult.

Cindy also reported on a few upcoming workshops. There is a parent workshop Thursday on Healthy Life -Cooking Simple Food – there is no charge for this workshop.

Professionals – there is a fee but they do get credits. So far only three have signed up, usually they get 25-30.

Mayor Mobus presented Miss. Claire Barrameda with a Resolution for her service to the community and the Youth Service Commission. Everyone on the Commission wished her well in high school.

Claire thanked the Mayor and Commission and said she has enjoyed her time on the Commission. She is looking forward to entering high school in September.

To celebrate the retirement of Dr. Malyska and the last meeting for our student, Ms. Claire Barrameda, Ms. Blackadar brought in brownies and ice cream for all to enjoy.

Dr. Malyska thanked everyone and said she has enjoyed working with all members but is ready for the next chapter in her life. She also gave the name of a possible student who could replace Claire next year. Ms. Nunn will be Principal for both schools and Dr. Resko will be the new Superintendent. Dr. Malyska also reported on the Girls on the Run program, which now charges applicants a fee of \$25.00 to participate. We would like to come up with some ideas to cover this cost. The Mayor suggested possibly sponsorships.

Ms. Blackadar reported that the Italian Club was very successful; they met twelve (12) times this year, with thirty students initially registered. The first couple of months the average attendance was 26 students per meeting. Later there were many conflicts with other activities but the average was still around 14 students. The group did a variety of activities including learning games using Italian, samples of traditional Italian cuisine that was contributed by some of the mothers or grandmothers.

Ms. Nunn reported that the PTO would be interested in working with the commission for the movie night if one were going to be held this year. They were very pleased with last years' combined program. Ms. Blackadar will check on the costs to see if fees have increased and will check to see what monies are available toward the event. Ms. Nunn will check with PTO to see if they would be willing to assist with the costs.

Our next meeting will be held September 18th at 5 pm at Valley View School.

Respectfully Submitted,
MaryAnn Hance, Secretary