

## Youth Commission Minutes to Meeting April 22, 2010

April 23, 2010

Meeting began at 5:05 P.M.

Present: Mike Metzger – Chairman; Merial Cornell & Mary Joan Wright – Directors,  
Board Member- Helen Kurilec; Concerned citizen- Dolores Abbott

Meeting was held with the Board of Finance and the revised budget is \$54,800.00.

The Youth Commission can not use the Senior Center due to a grant written which would not allow them to be in the Center for 5 years. Therefore the group meets at Mary Joan Wright's home.

Discussion followed to work with Recreation Department and use the current Teen Center at Indian Ledge to get more utilization and hold other Youth Department sponsored activities.

People have donated old pool tables, fuzzi ball games etc. Everything is piled into the large garage type building and not very inviting to anyone, much less teens. With a little paint and cleaning with the aid of the students, it can become a place for teens to go. Parents are a little skeptical about leaving their kids off, in the woods, without any security. This also needs to be addressed.

The junior high students do attend 10-25 kids on Friday nights. If they had a band they might also attend on Saturday nights. This is run by the Recreation Department. There is a need for marketing what is available to the teens.

Open Mic Night in the summer could be very successful but needs to have control. If ½ of the pool tables were removed and a small stage and sound were added, this would help. One of the problems is that a curfew of 11:00 p.m. for 16 and 17 year olds is in existence.

The Trumbull Youth Association summer show presentation this year will be "Grease" and it will be held at Madison Middle School. auditions will begin May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Procuring permits to use different schools in town is difficult and because of the construction at the High School it is difficult to use at this time.

TYA holds a first night dress rehearsal for senior citizens only and for which they ask for voluntary donations at the door.

When the Parents' Club meets include the Women's Club in order for them to be involved with ticket taking. The Women's Club has been kind enough to volunteer their services.

The most important issue is fundraising- budget has been lowered

- \$6,000 is needed to pay for the rights to Grease
- Some events were canceled in the past due to lack of participation

Suggestions: a letter campaign, have students write a letter asking for support  
a letter to sponsors, Town businesses could sponsor the show  
a website is coming which will offer support  
attend the Rotary Club meetings; they are always looking to assist a cause

**The is the biggest artistic event that is an expression of the community. We need support!**

Future suggestions – bring in more arts during the rest of the year

- hold TYA workshops
- BEI Grants for arts or theater and related workshops
- organize a Junior TYA to get students prepared and become involved
- Gallery Night in the Teen Center for students to display their art work
- theater program needs to begin in grade school and middle school

Efforts have already begun – T-Shirt contest – design a logo for TYA

- Mr. Fattibene is promoting the contest
- kids need to be involved in set design, props, and costumes

Publicity suggestions: Rising Stars are high school students who are on TV can promote  
Interviews of past students asking “What TYA means to me?”  
Involve Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Clubs  
Put on a Teen Idol program

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk