

# Youth Commission Minutes to Meeting October 5, 2010

Meeting began at 5:55 P.M.

Present: Mike Metzger Chairman; Muriel Cornell & Mary Joan Wright Co-Directors;  
Board Members: Helen Kurilec; Lisa Massaro,

Minutes of April 22, 2010 accepted

Flyer of the Trumbull Youth Department, Theater Arts Workshops, Grades 5-8

Saturdays 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

10/16, 10/23, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20 (No class on 10/30)

Madison Middle School Auditorium

Fee: \$75 (non-refundable)

Explore the basics of acting or the stage. Acting, improve, scene-work,  
choreography, music, vocal and audition techniques and more.

Michael Jeffreys will be working with the workshop and if more instructors are  
needed they will use juniors and seniors who need community hours.

The advertisement will be in the newspapers, at schools and on the website.

A fun experience for teens to get a feel for theater and not a lot of time and space.

We are paying stipends to the instructors and need 12 – 15 students to break even.

We will call in if more instructors needed.

Next year we might do a small show at the end.

They will be learning the basics: What is an audition? How do you present  
yourself? Stage directions. How to choose a song for an audition? Improv.

Students need some written suggestions that they can take with them after the  
Workshop.

New location at the Recreation Department, Tellalian Building on Main Street.

Everyone very nice, awaiting computer, sets are now stored in the basement.

Mary Joan and Muriel are sorting through many things that were in trailers, at  
their homes etc. and putting them into Recreation Dept. for storage.

Budget – had the budget approved and 1 full time Director Position remaining  
Muriel and Mary Joan are sharing the position  
Program budget okay, maintained status quo  
Used only \$500 from the budget for Grease, just needed a little seed money  
Audition Workshop profits will be given to Teen Center so that money goes  
back to the Town.

#### Future schedule

October 9<sup>th</sup> – Movie Night at Wright's home 55 Aspen Lane, rain date Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>  
Please bring beach chairs, blankets and warm clothes.

October 10<sup>th</sup> – Scarecrow Festival – Plasko's Farm – 11 A.M. -5 P.M.  
TYA will be setting up a tattoo and face painting booth.  
Need volunteers for the following shifts  
10 A.M. – 1 P.M.  
12:30 P.M. – 3 P.M.  
2:30 P.M. – 5 P.M.

October 16<sup>th</sup> Teen Center Clean –up Cancelled – need to re-schedule

October 23<sup>rd</sup> – Jane Ryan Pumpkin Fair

November 5<sup>th</sup> – TYA open Mic Night in the THS Senior Lounge

Performers – featured band  
Contact and sign-up  
Performance time slots  
Posters flyers and promotion  
Volunteers to work the event  
2 parents to help supervise the event.

Teen Center improvements – new flooring at center

Mary Joan visited the Senior Center and spoke with Jean Fereira, Director about having  
The teens join in a Sing – A – Long for the holidays. Seniors leave at 2 P.M. and  
the center is closed on weekends. Not feasible to have this happen.-  
She said that because of the Grant, 3 more years left, we can not use the Senior  
Center.

Teen Center – attempting to collaborate with the Teen Center

They are in need of a stage and good P.A. system.

There is a good stereo, but someone needs to go in to see if what is working and what needs to be repaired.

Purchasing a portable stage (\$3,000 to \$4,000) would be a good one.

Town would like to build one to save money, but it might not be as easy to move.

Mike will be looking for one that is a surplus.

New flooring at the center.

Theater Arts Workshop – parents will be invited to see what they have learned.

Both middle schools have shows and teens would profit from the workshop experience when auditioning for shows.

Many of the elementary schools also have performances and would benefit from the workshop experience.

For Grease there were 102 who auditioned, 86 were used, 64 in the cast and the remainder involved in set production.

#### TYA Grease 2010 Budget Breakdown

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| Production costs                     |             |
| Expenses – cost of production        | \$36,876.41 |
| Royalties                            | 5,830.00    |
| Total                                | \$42,706.41 |
| Proceeds                             |             |
| Ticket Sales, ads Participation fees |             |
| Donations, Sponsorships fundraising  | \$37,640.00 |
| Grants from Trumbull counseling      | 5,830.00    |
| Town Program Budget                  | 500.00      |
| Total                                | \$43,970.00 |
| Profit -                             | \$1,263.59  |

The largest expense was the costumes, music and car ( \$1,000).

This is a learning experience for all the teenagers involved.

Family Night is being planned for the first week in December, hopefully Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at Madison Middle School – pending.

Fine Arts Program – winter project for TYA Kids – “If you don’t stand for something, you don’t stand for anything.”

Paintings 10x10 or 12x12 based on a theme or photography.  
For teens to express themselves.

There are no paintings or a paint color on the walls and we do not know why.

We could call it the Gallery and have paintings changed each month.  
Kids could take or sell for a profit for Trumbull Youth Assoc.  
Charge \$5.00 to participate.  
The Women’s Club Federation runs an art contest town wide, maybe the students can participate.  
They might also be involved in teaching teenagers how to write a script?

Should TYA have their own facebook page?

What do you wish Trumbull would have for you?

Put the question on the Trumbull Times website or in the newspaper.

Kids could respond to the question which would give us something to go on to help the programs.

Will the school system support this?

Maybe the school system could have activities and the top 5 would be chosen from approximately 100 entries.

Thinking of sponsoring a bus trip to a water park in Waterbury.

14 to 18 students for one chaperone.

A waiver would need to be signed and we need to find out if the Town has insurance to cover the trip.

Also a trip during the Christmas holidays or February vacation.

Possibly a theater trip into New York City.

We need to develop a list of what we could do with the older teens.

Parents and kids are busy getting kids ready for college and some need community service time.

Collaborate with the Recreation Department

Movie Night at Indian Ledge or Twin Brooks – Free

Themes – classics or different theme every week

TYA could sell refreshments

Could use the softball field or the bike track but need to coordinate.

We are in need of new members – possibility of Dolores Abbott – Democrat.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy DeZenzo  
Clerk