

Youth Services Committee Minutes

Wednesday, December 9, 2015 – 5:30

Members Present: Bill O'Brien, Carol Wiggins, Trooper DeCarli, Denise Morell, Maureen Allen.

Audience of Citizens: Michelle Hamilton, AHM.

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:30pm.
2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the 10/13/15 meeting were approved.
3. New Business:

The meeting schedule for 2016 was reviewed. There will be no meetings in July or August.
4. Old Business:

The discussion regarding the potential Power Team Presentation was delayed due to Brian not being in attendance at the meeting. There was a suggestion to seek input from someone at the school, possibly Cheri Rivard Lenz, regarding the potential appeal of this presentation to the youth in Columbia.

Bill noted that the committee's nominees for the NECASA award and the Nilan award, Ann Dunnack and Alyssa Gwinneel respectively, did not receive these awards.

Update: AHM Michelle Hamilton noted the programs that continue in Columbia. Children continue to participate in the Get Outside Club, and have engaged in community service activities. On 12/1/15, approximately 15 Columbia student participated along with 50 students from Rham in the Power of Words program which focuses on preventing bullying and promoting kindness.

Update: Trooper DeCarli reported that the Annual Toy Drive was a success. Two vehicles were filled with toys and \$350 was received in cash donations. Trooper DeCarli is now certified as a DARE instructor. This will be his first year teaching the DARE class. However, Natasha attended a meeting where she learned that NECASA is no longer recommending that the DARE programs continue. There may be a need to identify another program moving forward.
5. Committee member comments: none.
6. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:51pm.