

Youth Development Council of Greene County Board Meeting September 18, 2014

Present: Mike Alley(staff), Pete Costigan, Ron Morris (President), Barbara Nye, Bert Nye, Ginny Reese, Carl Schmitt, Kathryn Thomas, Andrea Whitmarsh, Pastor Chuck Winner

Guests: Heather Myers, Dana Johnson

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of August 21 were approved .

Treasurer's Report: (Ron Morris) no Treasurer's report was available. Ron reported that the Youth Advocate and Coordinator had been paid at the end of August, but withholding has yet to be subtracted. YDC has a check in hand in the amount of \$5000. from Greene County Dept. of Social Services . The way this originated is that James Howard, director of Greene DSS put in an application in his budget to help fund YDC's youth program. Mike Alley filled out an application to the State with information about each of the children participating in the summer program in order to get \$250 per the 20 children participating. Together with a check received for \$250 in response to a mailing to a subdivision, these funds bring fundraising up to, or a little over, the budget of \$45,000 for the year, allocated to cover the YAC salary, administrative expenses and Summer Camp.

President's Report: (Ron Morris) Ron asked Nan Coppedge, longtime Board member of the Madison Boys and Girls Club, for a copy of the Madison County Boys and Girls Club but was told that James Pierce, Director of Central Virginia Boys and Girls Club preferred to meet with Ron instead. He was able to learn from Nan that the Madison Club's yearly budget is \$162,000. Mike Alley met with Corey Strother, unit Director of the same. Ron has a meeting scheduled for October 11th with James Pierce and Nan Coppage. A planned visit to see the Madison Club in action has been put off until after this meeting. Ron had a meeting with Dan Monahan, chairman of research committee for BAMA Works Foundation. He also talked to Jon Nafziger of Charlottesville Albemarle Community Foundation (CACF), who will come to the October Board meeting. There is nothing to report yet on liability insurance for YDC.

Ron opened a discussion on the formation of an executive committee for YDC, in order to have a smaller group meet between Board meetings to increase communication, deal with communications and matters that come up between Board meetings and to help to set the agenda for the group. Ron sees this as part of a larger discussion about how the group will function, and whether most of the work will get done through committees rather than through the larger group. Discussion also ensued about need for an afterschool program committee, in order for Mike to have a way to communicate and plan with those who will be working on this program.

There are two upcoming conferences of interest to YDC staff and volunteers. One is the VPOST (Virginia Partnership for Out-of-School Time) conference on Nov. 5th in Williamsburg. Another is the Youth-Nex (Center to Promote Effective Youth Development) conference on Oct. 16th and 17th at UVa, which is focusing on after-school programs this year. The latter meeting is already full but Andrea Whitmarsh may be able to attend or send staff to this program. A motion was made and approved to pay costs of

attending the VPOST conference (including conference registration fee of \$40) for Mike Alley. Barbara and Bert Nye will be attending a workshop on character building given by Richmond 4-H.

Youth Advocate and Coordinator Report: (Mike Alley)

Scholarship Fund for Fall Activities: Last month the Board approved an expenditure of \$1000 on scholarships for summer school children, with a maximum of \$100 per child. Mike has contacted all of the summer camp families by phone at least twice, by visits and by multiple emails in efforts to let families know about opportunities that are out there. So far, 4 children from summer camp have been plugged into programs in ballet, soccer, and football with scholarship help.

Club Yancey: Mike will meet with Club Yancey folks in Scottsville and see their program on Monday, Sept. 22.

After-School program: There was discussion by Mike and others about how the afterschool program may evolve and what it may look like. There was consensus that an after-school program committee is needed. Bert and Barbara Nye, Heather Myers, Kathryn Thomas and Pete Costigan are interested. Mike will send out an email to find out who else is interested and when they can meet. The first meeting was scheduled for Sept. 25th at 5 pm at Town Hall.

JABA FISH Program(Friends in Schools Helping): Dana Johnson, an Americorps/VISTA worker on a grant with the JABA FISH program, came to the Board meeting to tell YDC about FISH. FISH provides mentors and volunteers in the schools, and could potentially provide volunteers to work with the YDC afterschool. There has to be a school connection for FISH to be involved. FISH does not create programs but supplies volunteers for programs already existing that need community volunteers.

Student Advisory Group: (Mike Alley) Mike had a meeting scheduled with Sarah Hart, guidance counselor at the high school, who has been working with Andrea on the selection of students for the Student Advisory Group and ended up meeting with the 25 interested students as well. Carl Schmitt will be the liaison to the group from YDC. The student, Raleigh, who worked as a daily volunteer with the YDC summer camp, is available to be the student leader.

Website: (Mike Alley) Mike has purchased the laptop with Board funds, and was able to equip it with the MS Office Suite and anti-viral protection at no cost to YDC. He informed the Board that the YDC website put together by Carlyle will be very hard to maintain and improve by anyone who isn't proficient in the code it is written in. After research, Mike has found a website company called Wix, which provides easy templates for designing a webpage, including features that are important like forms, surveys, donations, and a mobile version of the website, and quickly was able to get up a very nice looking functional webpage for YDC. Without ads, and with a free domain name, this service costs \$12 per month. A motion was made and approved by the five Board members present to expend the funds to use Wix to host and design the YDC website.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm. The next Board meeting is scheduled to convene on Thursday, October 16. Respectfully submitted by Ginny Reese.