

**Lymes' Youth Service Bureau
Board of Directors
February 26, 2013,**

Attending: Meredith Britton, Mike Boardman, Chris Buckley, Sue Jette, Chris Macadam, Michele Mergy, Tammy McAraw, Keith McCarthy, Julie O'Brien, Tom Richardson, Emily Roberts, Donna Scott, Vivian Senft, Wendy Visgilio,

Staff: Mary Seidner

Absent: Brenna Visgilio, Amanda Rutledge, Jeff Graybill, Tracy McGlinchey, Suzanne Thompson

7:10 Sue called the meeting to order

Amanda's husband knee surgery went well

Donna asked for approval of January minutes and board approved

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Sue Jette

Sue shared some exciting Board Member highlights:

- Brenna absent tonight because she is in school play
- Congratulations to Mary's daughter accepted into graduate school.

Other items on Tonight's agenda:

- Sponsorship of Little League team? \$275. A lively discussion went on about the subject of sponsorship and donations. Keith brought up a good point that it sets a precedent of raising funds for all the sports in town. Julie felt it was good advertising and Little League was a perfect "family venue" for advertising and getting the word out about LYSB. Chris M added that we needed to start spending money and that \$275 was not going to hurt our budget. Chris B. thought that Little League was in-line with our mission and goals. Wendy commented that she felt we should do things internally if we have a lot of \$\$ to spend. Sue decided that we should re-visit idea of what to do about extra money. A Motion was made, and seconded, to sponsor a Little League team for \$275 with the condition that the board develop a future policy on sponsorships and donations. The motion passed with 1 abstained 2 nays all yes.
- Sue discussed that we would be working on the Strategic Plan tonight.
- We are looking for a chair for our 2nd fundraiser.

Ali McPherson spoke about a group of alumni and friends of Jonathan Glenn who have put together a Memorial Fund on his behalf. They would like to install a bench at the high school with a plaque in his honor and build a "4 square court" at LYSB. Three local landscapers are helping with the effort, Tom, Senior and Tom, Junior Montano. Landscape designers Scott Johnson and Matt Nunn, has also donated time to help landscape, design a flower garden. The fund will also establish suicide awareness and prevention. This program will also be implemented into the health program to make student aware of how to handle their problems. Mary noted that LYSB is on board with the Suicide Prevention Program and will be working with the high school and will be launching the program next year. The Fund has a budget of \$10-12,000 to accomplish its goals. Donations can be made online on our website via Paypal.

Mary showed us the JonathanGlennmemorial.org website. Ali discussed the website and how to donate to the fund. Mary explained the layout of the “4-square court. The game is very popular with the youth in Old Lyme. There will also be a “blog” set up. Ali mentioned that the group invsions a ribbon cutting ceremony. Former LYSB board member Steve Halahan is consulting with the group as well. Questions came up how the Memorial will be funded in the future. Vivian asked if we are now set up to make on-line donations. Mary was very excited to reply “yes”. Mary foresees a press release in the beginning and the end of the event.

A motion was made and seconded for LYSB to service as the fiduciary agent of the Jonathan Glenn Memorial Fund. The motion passed unanimously.

Tammy asked if we had a lot of \$\$, shouldn't we be spending it more on more meaningful programs than American girl doll and Lego workshops. Sue mentioned this is why we were looking at our Strategic plan.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chris Macadam:

- 14,k up and tons of Money!
- “We need to give it away”. ☺

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mary Seidner

- Budget not a lot of changes.
- Meeting with Old Lyme Board of Finance is March 12th at 7pm. LYSB is going to be asking the town for more funding.
- Finance committee meeting to discuss budget in more detail

CASFY:

- Guest speaker coming Wednesday March 20th at 7pm to discuss Marijuana.
- Karen went to a National coalition meeting and will talk about marijuana laws.

Committee Reports:

Governance Committee: Keith McCarthy:

- Governance talked about collaboration between committees and an update on what we are working on.

Nominating Committee: Sue Jette

- Officer positions for next year will be handled by Nominating Committee.
IF you have interest in serving as an officer in the future, please contact Sue to discuss.
- Sue will send forms via email. We will be accepting nomination for 4 board members.
- Looking for between 6-8 candidates to bring to the nominating committee. Up until March 22nd.
- At our April meeting candidates will be discussed.
- May positions offered.
- June meet and greet at last meeting.
- Criteria = Leadership potential, self-nominating is encouraged.
- Youth members selected after Board members nominated.

Development Committee: Wendy Visgilio

- Fashion show. Silkworm in Essex volunteered to run for LYSB. April 4th at the OL Country Club. March 8th at 11:00 is the next meeting for the fashion show.
- 2n Fundraiser at Norma Terris will be held on FRIDAY, MAY 10th

Strategic Plan: Sue Jette and Vivian Senft

- Sue and Vivian talked about how by and large the Mission Statement is still valid
- Values still need to be incorporated Are they guiding principles or goals.
- Lively discussion regarding the process that took place several years ago and we ended by deciding that we take a goal at a time and start with the values

The Bizz:

- Date: Friday, May 3rd

Art show:

- Opening night, Thursday, June 6th.
- Volunteers needed for hanging June 4th and 5th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm