

**SHELTON YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2007**

Attendance: James Geissler, Jay Correia, James Guarrera, Howard Gura, Dee Kopec, Kay Redmond, Robin L. Skowronski, Jill Chase, Denise Turecek, David Munson, Audrey Dreyer, John Trovarelli, Ellen Goggins, Twiza Mambwe

Absent: Deborah Zahornacky, Det. Tom Federowicz, Michel'le Soto

Staff: Julie Penry, Sally Schwaller, Silvia Rodriguez, Livia Draper

I. Chairperson Jim Geissler called the meeting to order at 7:50 a.m.

II. Motion made by Howard Gura and seconded by Denise Turecek to approve the May 2007 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Reports of Committees

Youth Representatives

Ellen Goggins reported on Y2Y activities planned for Red Ribbon Week – October 23-31.

Twiza Mambwe advised that the youth group plans to host monthly “open mike” nights at the Underground to showcase local youths’ talents (singers, artists, etc.) while promoting a drug free message.

IV. Reports of staff

A. Director’s Report

Julie reviewed her report.

She further advised that the Underground might not be available for future Y2Y meetings. Julie said the mayor suggested using the old SYSB office on White St. Silvia Rodriguez feels the White St. location might not accommodate the youth group, especially since membership has grown. Brief discussion followed on the availability of other sites, such as the modulars located at the old intermediate school. Julie will keep the board apprised.

B. Youth Advocate's Report

Silvia reviewed her report.

She thanked the board for their support of the Y2Y fundraising efforts, which enabled the group to send 14 youth to the national conference last summer. Brief discussion followed on holding a car wash sometime this fall.

C. C.A.P. Report – Teen Center Report

Sally Schwaller reviewed the C.A.P. report.

She added the slogan for this year's Red Ribbon Week is "Believe, Achieve and Succeed." She further updated the board on programs planned for the elementary and intermediate schools.

Work has begun on Halloween Trick or Trunk Night, Wednesday, October 31. Sally requested donations of candy for this event.

Teen Center – Dee Kopec advised the Teen Center programs begin October 19 at Shelton Intermediate School - an abbreviated schedule this year because the old intermediate school will no longer be available.

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

A Spotlight on Youth nomination was presented to the board and unanimously approved for publication in the Huntington Herald.

John Trovarelli advised that Spooner House's annual walk against the homeless and hunger will be on September 29. The building of Harvest house takes place the same day.

VII. Motion made by Jill Chase and seconded by David Munson to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Correia, Secretary

