

Bloomfield Youth Adult Council
Minutes – February 2nd, 2016

Attendance: Joyce Betts, Jesse White, Bethany Silver, Breonna Sykes, Yolanda Jenkins, Jackson Felix, Donna Maitland-Ward, Shander George, Juanita Richardson, Carla Ladson, Eric Martin, Pat Maneggia

- A. Member introductions including new attendees Jackson Felix, Juanita Richardson, and Carla Ladson.
- B. Motion made and passed to accept January 2016 minutes as amended.
- C. Program Reports:
 - 1. Foster Care Support Network: January activities
 - a. MLK celebration at the Peabody Museum – Group members assisted with introducing guest speakers and assisting with presentation. Received special recognition for doing so.
 - b. Disney on Ice at the XL Center
 - c. UCONN Basketball Game
And Mummenschanz at the Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts
 - 2. Bloomfield Juvenile Review Board maintain a caseload of 18. Issues addressed with youth being referred include fighting/assaults, breach of peace incidents, persistent disobedience, truancy, larcenies, and substance use/possession.
 - 3. CAIS Journeys After-School Program continues to serve 65 registered 5th and 6th graders. Program averages between 45 and 55 youth per day on Mondays, Wednesday and Thursdays. Activities include arts and crafts, table games, game shows, community service projects, fundraising activities, teambuilding and gym games/competitions. Program youth also attend weekend activities sponsored by Social and Youth Services.
 - 4. CAMS Step-Up Club features two Tuesdays per month of teambuilding and leadership activities, arts and crafts and games. The other two sessions are spent with 17 Grand Pals from Senior Services for Intergenerational Activities. A Winter Festival was held for one of their events in January.
 - 5. Bloomfield Youth Action Club held their regular monthly meeting and an Executive Committee meeting in January. Voted on a three month schedule of activities to include; an Intergenerational Mardi Gras Party with Bloomfield Senior Citizens, Leadership Retreat at Camp Jewel, a Friday night party at the Youth Center in March, volunteering at the Spring Fling for children in pre-school- 6th grades in March, participation in the Greater Hartford Youth Conference sponsored by CASAC, organizing a Police and Youth Forum in May, holding a dinner and show family fundraiser in April and participating in the WALK LIKE MADD Event in Hartford on May 14th.
 - 6. Police and Youth Community Crusaders and Police and Youth Trekkers- Pat to meet with Sgt. John Fox to determine schedule and event plans for February – June.
- D. Special Events – January
 - 1/6 UCONN Women’s Basketball 20
 - 1/8 Wolf Pack Hockey 20
 - 1/13 Disney on Ice 70
 - 1/20 UCONN Women’s Basketball 20
 - 1/22 Mummenschanz Jorgensen 35
 - 1/23 UCONN Men’s Basketball 20
 - 1/30 UCONN Women’s Basketball 20

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Upcoming Events - February, March and April

Wolf Pack Hockey, UCONN Women's Basketball, Harlem Globetrotters, Intergenerational Mardi Gras Party, CAIS/ CAMS Valentines Party (Co-sponsored with Leisure Services), "It's A Party – Just for the Fun of It (high school youth), Spring Fling (Carnival), Regional Youth Conference sponsored by Capital Area Substance Abuse Council, "Having Our Say" at Hartford Stage, IMAGO Theatre "ZOOZOO" at the Jorgensen, Police and Youth Forum, Family Fundraiser Dinner for Youth Action Club, USA Women's Soccer

E. Community Involvement

WALK LIKE MADD - May 14th To benefit Mothers Against Driving. Community Service Project. Looking to sponsor 30 youth from Bloomfield to participate in the walk. Youth Action Club and maybe the members from Police and Youth Crusaders.

CT Youth Services North Central Region – Continue to hear from neighboring communities on programs and services. Much concern about funding, especially state grants that support municipally operated YSB's. Discussions around current issues in represented communities.

Laurel Elementary School – Youth Services to sponsor an assembly for Black History Month and a Family night featuring dinner and TAINO - A Caribbean musical Performance

Family Resource Center – Youth Services is sponsoring a trip to Jumpin' Jonnies including a luncheon, for 25 pre-schoolers and 15 adult caregivers on 2/18

F. Motion made and carried for the Youth Adult Council to allocate \$500 for the Spring Fling, \$500 toward the High School Party, \$250 for the WALK LIKE MADD and \$250 toward the Family Dinner benefitting the Youth Action Club.

Motion made and carried to adjourn at 7:20p.m.

Next meeting to be held on March 1st, 2016.