Tuesday, April 6, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:09 p.m.

Attendance: Donna Maitland-Ward, Hector Colon, Angelica Thompson, Sgt. John Fox, Camilla Hillian, Carla Ladson, Tiffany Wright, Shander George, Roger Bunker, Patterson Crocker

I. Old Business
   a. Approval of March 2, 2021 minutes: Motion was made by Donna Maitland-Ward seconded Roger Bunker

II. New Business
   a. Review of FY 2020-2021 budget and spending for end of year
      • Senior Graduation - Angelica reported GEMS have 4-5 Bloomfield students that will be graduating. Angelica will reach out the BHS principal to find out the anticipated number of graduates and the plan for graduation. Last year $1,000 was spend on graduation bags and kits.
      • Roger made a motion to spend the remaining $1,700 on the graduation to be allocated for graduation with the particular details to be determined by Angelica. Donna stated Angelica would report out on the next meeting what the remaining funds will be spent on.
   b. Summer Youth Employment- The deadline is May 1st for the applications. Access to the applications will be after May 1st. They flyer is posted on social media websites and sent out with the email distribution list. The process will include screening and interviewing all candidates. Worksites are still being updated for town worksites. This year there are two tiers for 14-15 year olds and 16-17 year olds.
   c. Community Programs & Events- The April Parent wellness series begins this month. Topics include balancing the two pandemics, physical and mental health mindfulness fun self-compassion and self-care equals a happier you, squeezing in fitness. Flyer was sent out to all the school in town, social media, and email distribution lists.
   d. Youth Services Program Updates-
III. Announcements
   a. Camilla mentioned individuals who need help with paying for rent. One is called unite CT and if you Google unite CT you will go to the website, and you can see all the criteria, this was part of the cares act. To assist people with background and rent moving forward and the town of Bloomfield has a much smaller Program.
   b. Caress act can also assist with those who have fallen behind with rent and mortgage so if anyone needs information regarding either of those programs, you can call Bloomfield social services at 860-242-1895 for additional information.
   c. Hector announced vaccine clinic at the Artist Collective in Hartford which is offering Pfizer vaccine or the Johnson and Johnson vaccine
   d. Angelica announced Portrait of a Graduate partnership with the school district.
   e. Hector commented on where we stand on our town council representative for the Youth Adult Council. Camilla will inquire and follow up with the town manager.

IV. Public Comments-
   a. No public comments

V. Adjournment
   a. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

The Youth Adult Council meets the first Tuesday of the Month
Next Meeting: May 4, 2021 at 6:00p.m.