Youth Services Committee Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2010

Staff: M. Piccerillo  Guests: K. Castrilli and Z. Feldman.

C. Nash called the meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance at 7pm. M. Piccerillo gave fire instructions. Committee members introduced themselves and welcomed new members K. Castrilli and Z. Feldman.

Approval of Minutes: C. Nash made a motion to approve the May 2010 minutes, D. Cassidy seconded – passed unanimously. C. Nash made a motion to approve the September 2010 minutes, J. Garner seconded – passed unanimously.

Youth and Social Services Report: M. Piccerillo reported that all programs are full and counseling cases are increasing – particularly in previous clients who are looking for services again. Two interns are allowing department to provide services in Elementary level for first time.

“Just Like You - the Jimmy Harper Story”: M. Piccerillo gave background to new members. At the beginning of October it was presented at the CT Youth Services Association. D. Cassidy asked if there has been discussion around showing the video in the schools. M. Piccerillo and I. Packtor reported that it has been shown. September 28th, 2010 S. Bourdon presented the movie and the new survey results at a joint Town Council and Board of Education.

Survey Discussion: The committee had a lengthy discussion on various findings in the survey and discussed ways in which parents can be reached. J. Garner suggested that the committee revisit the survey next month when other members could review it. M. Piccerillo suggested having a stat from the survey in the Cheshire Herald on a regular basis. I. Packtor suggested doing the same in the RamPage.

Fundraiser – Battle of the Bands: J. Garner reported that she reserved Feb 5th and 12th for the Youth Center. The committee needs to hire a building manager for clean-up and a police officer for security. The event will start at 7pm with the committee having access to the building at 5pm. There is no fee to use the space and the event will be staffed by Youth Services. C. Nash reported that Steve Rogers at The Space in New Haven will offer time for the band to play before a headliner. He also has a contact at Toad’s Place for play time and KC 101’s former DJ, Carey Collins will be the Emcee. Bands need to have members in the schools. Tickets will be $5 and sold at the door and during school lunches.

New Business: None

C. Nash made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm, D. Cassidy seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Bogdanski Bourdon
Recording Secretary