

**Preston Youth Services Bureau Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 18, 2022
4:30 pm.
Teleconference**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Chairwoman Lennon called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm

Regular Members

Melissa Lennon - Chairwoman
Amanda Phelps – Vice Chair
Kasey Peek- Secretary - excused
Zachary Robinson – Youth Rep. - excused
Resident State Trooper Sean Bresnan – Police Rep. -absent
Jessica Boucher – School Rep.
Rachel Tucker – Community Member
Vacant – Youth Org. Rep.
Vacant – Community Member

Liaisons - None present

Sandra Allyn-Gauthier – BoS
Dr. Roy Seitsinger – PPS
Dr. Ivy Davis-Tomczuk – PPS
Ray Bernier – PVMS

Also Present

Amy Brosnan, Parks & Recreation Director
Miranda Fabre – Assistant to Park & Recreation Director
Roberta Charpentier, recording secretary

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approve Meeting Minutes

a. March 16, 2022 – Regular Meeting

A motion was made by J. Boucher and seconded by R. Tucker to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2022 as amended.

All in favor Motion carries

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Discussion took place on offering art camp/slime camp for elementary students the week before and after traditional day camp

b. May 12, 2022 – Special Meeting

A motion was made by A. Phelps and seconded by R. Tucker to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2022 as amended.

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A motion was made by Jessica Boucher and seconded by Amanda Phelps to approve paying ~~Amanda~~ Miranda Fabre for the hours logged in to facilitate Girl's Circle. Melissa Lennon abstained. All other YSB members in favor. Motion carries.

4. Correspondence

None

5. PYSB Financial Report

A. Brosnan discussed;

YTD balance of \$17,619.67 + \$5,600 from Enhancement Grant

6. Resignations, Vacancies, & Appointments

a. Vacancies – a Preston youth organization representative, & a community member

No comments

7. Local Prevention Council Grant (CT Mental Health)

a. Grants

i. \$2875.50 with vaping focus this year

1. Hidden in Plain Sight – for adults to recognize risky teen behaviors (drugs/alcohol/vaping) & how to respond: <https://www.cappct.org/hips>

a. virtual bedroom (60-75 minutes) @ \$600/500

A. Brosnan noted Virtual Bedroom is scheduled for Zoom Wednesday May 25th at 7:00.

b. in-person bedroom (90-120 mins.) @ \$800/700

In person date has not been set.

A motion was made by A. Phelps and seconded by J. Boucher to purchase a \$100 gift card from Village Pizza for an incentive raffle to attend the in person hidden in plain site virtual bedroom.

All in favor. Motion carries

ii. other ideas

A. Brosnan suggested hanging informational posters made by the Girl's Group in the community and handouts at Palooza on vaping in the community.

A. Phelps suggested key chains.

M. Lennon suggested pens.

A motion was made by A. Phelps and seconded by J. Boucher to spend NTE \$1,375 on printing costs and other items regarding anti vaping to distribute at Palooza and also display around Town.

All in favor. Motion carries.

b. Establish Preston Prevention Council – can be done within PYSAB

No Comments

8. PYSAB: Programming Ideas

a. Enrichment/Education

i. Banking classes – Chelsea Groton Savings

No comment

ii. Garden – school or community

M. Lennon noted that she made Dr. Seitsinger and Dr. Davis-Tomczuk aware of today's YSB meeting in order to discuss the school garden but they are not present.

A. Brosnan suggested a garden at the library because it would be more accessible during the

summer when school is closed.

Following YSB discussion;

A. Phelps stated she will suggest this gets started for the next school year and request a letter describing the focus of the program and the YSB will have it ready for Fall.

A. Phelps suggested doing a gardening program at the library; just not a stationary plot at this time.

A. Brosnan noted that the YSB could get a couple of raised beds if the YSB wanted to have a gardening club a couple of times a week for this year.

M. Lennon suggested tabling this item for now and having a Special Meeting if YSB decides to pursue gardening this year.

iii. Library Passes for Families to various museums, etc.

1. Boston Children's Museum; Boston, MA: \$700

a. 50% off admission for up to four people

2. Boston Museum of Science; Boston, MA: \$700

a. Dated coupons for 50% off admission for up to four people

3. The Children's Museum of West Hartford; West Hartford, CT: \$125

a. BOGO admission to Children's Museum and Roaring Brook Nature Center with maximum of four free guests (planetarium shows not included)

4. Concord Museum; Concord, MA: \$200

a. \$5 off regular admission for up to four people

5. Denison Pequot Nature Center; Mystic, CT:

a. Free admission for up to five people

b. Preston Public Library has a pass

6. Dinosaur State Park; Rocky Hill, CT:

a. Free admission for 2 adults and 4 children (12 and under)

b. Preston Public Library has a pass

7. The EcoTarium; Worcester, MA: \$250 (a) OR \$350 (b)

a. 75 coupons for 50% off admission for up to two adults and two children

b. 150 coupons for 50% off admission for up to two adults and two children

c. Does not include admission to Explorer Express Train or Planetarium

8. Gillette Castle State Park; East Haddam, CT:

a. Free admission for two adults and four children (12 and under)

b. Preston Public Library has a pass

9. Institute for American Indian Studies; Washington, CT: \$50

a. 50% off admission for up to 5 people and 10% off at the gift shop

10. Kids Play Children's Museum; Torrington, CT: \$150

a. 50% off admission for up to 6 people, with access to Membership mornings from 9-10 a.m. on Thursdays

11. Lutz Children's Museum; Manchester, CT: \$200 for calendar year

a. 50% off admission for up to six people

b. Pass price is prorated if purchasing after January 1; May price: \$133

12. Mashantucket Pequot Museum; Ledyard, CT: \$250(a) OR \$350 (b)

a. 2 membership cards for 50% off admission for 2 adults and 2 youth OR 1 adult and 3 youth

b. 2 membership cards for free admission for 2 adults and 2 youth OR 1 adult and 3 youth

13. Mystic Seaport; Mystic, CT:

a. Seven day-specific passes; 50% off admission for 2 adults and 3 children

- b. Preston Public Library has a pass
- 14. New England Aquarium; Boston, MA: \$650
 - a. Dated coupons for 50% off admission for up to four people
- 15. Niantic Children's Museum; Niantic, CT:
 - a. Admits up to four people for half price
- b. Preston Public Library has a pass
- 16. Old Sturbridge Village; Sturbridge, MA: \$400
 - a. Five passes for 50% off standard daytime admission for up to four people
- 17. Plimoth Patuxet Museums; Plymouth, MA: \$500
 - a. 200 vouchers: admission for up to six people at \$16 for adults and \$10 for children (12 and under) [50% off]
- 18. Roger Williams Zoo; Providence, RI: \$250
 - a. Seven day-specific codes that give \$3 discount per online purchase of daytime admission ticket for up to four people
- 19. Sacred Heart University Discovery Science Center and Planetarium; Bridgeport, CT: \$150
 - a. Up to four free children (All Access Media Pass) with one paid adult
- 20. Southwick Zoo; Mendon, MA: \$1,250 minimum
 - a. Tickets \$25/each with required purchase of 50
- 21. Stamford Museum and Nature Center; Stamford, CT: \$110
- 22. Worcester Art Museum; Worcester, MA: \$250
 - a. 4 passes: 50% off admission for up to two adults & children (17 and under) are free
- 23. Beardsley Zoo; Bridgeport, CT:

**A motion was made by A. Phelps and seconded by J. Boucher to approve spending \$7,084 on the library pass programming.
All in favor. Motion carries.**

iv. Mentors for Teens

No comments

v. Safe Driving Class for Teens

No comments

vi. Summer Programming – sponsor camps or activities

1. Palooza (June 1st) – pass out vaping information

2. Summer Sizzler (June 21st)

A motion was made by A. Phelps and seconded by J. Boucher to spend NTE \$750 on an ice cream truck with a ticket value of \$2.50 at the Preston Parks & Recreation's Summer Sizzler event.

All in favor. Motion carries.

A motion was made by A. Phelps and seconded by J. Boucher to spend NTE \$2,250 for the rental of inflatables for the Preston Parks & Recreation's Summer Sizzler event.

All in favor. Motion carries.

3. Middle School Camp/Teen Adventure Camp – possibly CT Summer Enrichment Grant

No comments

4. Music & Movement type programming for birth to five

No comments

5. other

No comments

b. Mental Health

i. Awareness – NAMI Presentations

Tabled

ii. Counseling

Tabled

iii. Girls Group – funding for culminating activity

A motion was made by J. Boucher and seconded by R. Tucker to spend NTE \$350 for the Girl's Group culminating activity.

All in favor. Motion carries.

iv. Support Groups - NAMI

c. Non-sport activities

Tabled

i. Board Game Club

1. consider purchasing games for the club

No comments

2. compensation/gift to Randy for leading the group

A motion was made by A. Phelps and seconded by to purchase a \$100 gift card for YSB's board game club facilitator volunteer.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Chairwoman M. Lennon Tabled all other items on the agenda

ii. Book Club

iii. Gaming Night – Fortnite, RoBlox, etc.

iv. Loom Knitting – Jennifer Ihloff (Cow Bell)

v. Mommy & Me playgroup (birth to five)

vi. Simple Computer Programming for kids vii. Youth Group for middle school/high school (meet monthly)

d. other

9. PYSAB: Programming for 2021-2022

a. Ongoing:

i. Hire A Teen

ii. Intergenerational Pen Pals

b. Fall:

i. Purchase of Story Walk Boards at Preston Community Park

ii. Purchase of Mental Health books for Preston Public Library

iii. Babysitting Course (November 13th)

c. Winter:

i. Presents for Preston – 20 kids were sponsored

ii. Stuff a Cruiser – collected toys, socks, slippers, & blankets

iii. Art from the Heart – 25 kids made reindeer for distribution to seniors

iv. Board Games Club – 6 weeks, grades 6-12, started Feb. 22 from 6-8 p.m.

d. Spring:

i. Babysitting Course – Sunday, April 10th

ii. Art from the Heart

iii. Chelsea Groton Banking Classes – middle school “money sense” (April 5th) & high school “checking vs. savings” (April 12th)

iv. NAMI “Ending the Silence” – 3 virtual presentations: high school (April 7 th), PPMS (April 11th), parents (April 14th)

v. Internet Safety Concepts classes with Scott Driscoll – in person for students and virtually for parents (May 19th)

vi. Girls Circle: “Body Image” – M/W for 5 weeks starting May 2nd

e. Summer:

i. Sponsor Art Camp & Slime Camp for grades 1-6 the week before and after tradition Parks & Rec Summer Camp with subsidy of \$150 per Preston child up to 25 per camp

10. Public Comment

None

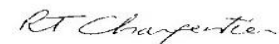
11. Adjournment

A motion was made by A. Phelps and seconded by J. Boucher to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 pm

All in favor. Motion carries.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Roberta Charpentier
Preston Recording Secretary