Members present: Robert Congdon, Rachel Tucker, Robert Onderdonk, and Roy Seitsinger.


Also present: Amy Brosnan and Heather Helwig.

R Congdon called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm.

(1). ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by R Tucker and seconded by R Onderdonk to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 28, 2018 as presented. All in favor.

(2). UNFINISHED BUSINESS

General discussion took place on purchasing/identifying social/emotional services. R Congdon believes Youth Services should play a role in providing social/emotional services to the community. R Seitsinger stated early intervention is key. Youth & Family Services is constructing a proposal and should be done in a week or two. R Condgon asked for the proposal to be presented to the YSB Board.

R Onderdonk asked about vaping. It was discussed at the last meeting and he’s seen it on the news quite a bit. R Seitsinger said he’s comfortable with the level of education kids 5th grade and up are receiving.

(3). PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

i. DARE: H Helwig reported DARE has begun and it is going well. It is once again being taught by Trooper Bettini.

ii. HOMEWORK CLUB: A Brosnan reported there are 12 students at each school enrolled in the homework club.

R Tucker made a motion to allocate an additional $1,000.00 towards Homework Club. Seconded by R Onderdonk. All in favor.
iii. PRESENTS FOR PRESTON: A Brosnan stated 24 kids were enrolled in this program this year. Preston Youth Services received a donation from the staff at Preston Plains Middle School towards this program. These funds helped purchase additional needed items.

iv. ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES IDEAS

H Helwig discussed several ideas, one of which is to bring back the internet safety presentation for middle school students. A Brosnan stated it was well received two years ago. H Helwig also discussed how well the high school giveback trip worked last year as a thank you to high school students who volunteered in the community.

Motion by R Tucker to approve $2,000.00 for presentations and $3,000.00 for the high school giveback program. Seconded by R Onderdonk. All in favor.

v. OTHER IDEAS

H Helwig stated there continues to be issues with getting information to middle school students. She suggested a video wall or digital sign. Possibly Youth Services could purchase one sign for Preston Plains and the PTO purchase a sign for PVMS. Pricing is better when purchasing two signs at once. R Seitsinger liked the idea and is going to take a first step approach.

(4). PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

(5). ADJOURNMENT

R Onderdonk made a motion to adjourn at 4:42. Seconded by R Tucker. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Brosnan