

TOMCAT BRIDGEBUILDERS' MEETING MINUTES

February 3, 2016

Trimble High School

Members Present: Mara Giglio, Michael Lopez, Kathy Trace, Svea Maxwell, Sheriff Rodney Smith, Officer Jimmy Childs, Tracey Kelly, Diana Chalfant, Lindsey Jago, Carrie Barnhouse, Becky Pettit, Alice Richards, Jerry Marange, L.R. Faires, Jamie Northup, Jeff Ross, Dillon Shonborn, Logan Bragg, Zach Bragg, Nicole Buchanan, Tyler Hudson, and Danuel Persinger

Ms. Maxwell called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

1. Youth Activities Update

- Ms. Pettit reported the Avengers are doing well at the middle school.
- Began an Academy Leadership Project at the high school.
- Ms. Pettit said she could assist with the organizing of after prom activities.

2. Big Brother Big Sister's Update

Ms. Kelly discussed their local programming and who they serve. Ms. Kelly stated their annual fundraiser Bowl for Kids Sake to be held on April 3rd. Each team has 4-6 bowlers with a minimum of \$200 donation fee. Mr. Ross moved to commit BB sponsoring 2 teams for youth to participate on; Ms. Richards seconded. The motion passed.

3. Appalachian Peace and Justice-Mediation Training

Ms. Giglio discussed mediation training for up to 30 people which includes a total of 15 hours for 2 hours a week. Mr. Faires will discuss with council members. It was recommended that VFDs and little leagues be offered training materials. Ms. Giglio will distribute flyers locally.

4. Treasurer's Report

The monthly Treasurer's Report was distributed and reviewed. Ms. Chalfant said the school set aside funds for an SRO. Officer Childs said he had met with the superintendent who has someone to recommend for the position. The position would be 25 hours a week.

5. Holiday Activities

Ms. Trace said she was contacted by Kathy Wolf regarding Easter activities and said planning would begin in mid-February. Mr. Ross moved to use excess Christmas holiday funds for Easter activities. The motion and vote was tabled until the March meeting.

6. United Appeal Update

Ms. Trace reported that UA had contacted her regarding a 2014 990 tax form. Ms. Trace said one was not completed based on the IRS requirements but would complete one for 2015.

7. Annual Report/Annual Meeting

Ms. Trace stated the annual report would be discussed in detail at the March board meeting. Mr. Ross and Ms. Richards are the nominating committee for the annual meeting.

8. Stationary

The members reviewed the business card draft and letterhead. Minor changes were requested.

9. Student Ambassador Program

Ms. Trace discussed the student ambassador program from 5 for life and suggested Mr. Lopez's group.

10. Other

- Mr. Lopez brought the youth guests who then thanked the members for their support of their afterschool gaming group.
- Sheriff Smith reported Narcan has been administered once and cruisers carry kits. He also reported they are checking into programs that provide follow-up from OD cases and Meth is coming back in popularity. Sheriff Smith said Major Crimes have made 25 buys in 2016
- Mr. Marang said Celebrate Recovery is active with 12 participants averaging 5-7 weekly.
- Officer Childs reported the Toy Drive and said \$10,600 had been raised. He also said 335 meals had been served and 390 children had come through.
- The Gloucester Police Department reported 13000+ calls, 18 narcotics, 23 traffic/narcotics.
- Officer Childs said the Teen Dating Violence program would be at the school next week.
- Ms. Jago said representatives for the Prosecutor's office and Sheriff's office would be available to distribute Teen Dating Violence information at the schools. Rocky Boots donated orange wrist bands with the national hotline number for all area high school students.
- Officer Childs discussed a donation of \$250 for sponsors on the back of the DARE shirts in school colors.
- Officer Childs announced the ALS walk on April 2nd.
- Officer Childs announced the April 11th date for Kidfest.
- Officer Childs announced the April 15th as the date for IMPACT. Ms. Chalfant moved to donate \$150 to provide transportation for students to attend IMPACT program; Ms. Trace seconded. The motion passed.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.