

Minutes of the H.R.D. Board of Directors meeting of November 14, 2007.

1. Roll Call

Present: Diane Candido, Ray Ferguson, MaryLou Kecko, Rev. Osmun and Gary Johnson.

Absent: Kitty Nelson, Alan Chapin, Ross DeLeonardo and Cynthia Boynton.
Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

2. Minutes

A motion was made by Rev. Osmun, seconded by Kecko to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Staff Report

- HRD Outreach served 346 individuals consisting of 724 family members. Youth and Family Services had 98 cases equaling 292 people.
- Youth Programs – the satellite programs are up and running in the schools. Family Fun Night has begun and the Family Expedition is ongoing. The Rent A Kid sign up received 30 additional families and there are 47 kids in the program. Mindy has applied for 2 grants from the Milford Bank to off set the costs of these programs.
- Letters were sent to the service organizations introducing Lisa as the new Director and the services offered. There have been no responses as of yet.
- Lisa went to the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities meeting and accepted their \$1,500.00 donation for Camp Happiness scholarships and they committed another \$1,000.00. Mindy attended one of their meetings and will be working with the kids and the Mayors Committee. Cheryl requested a grant from the Milford Bank for scholarships for the other camps that are assisted.
- Feedback received from other agencies has been that they had been unaware of services offered. They have now been seeing the newspaper articles and learning more about our services so, word is beginning to get out.
- Changing the name of the HRD was discussed; people think it is the Personnel Department. Back when it was named Human Resource Development most Personnel Departments were called Personnel not Human Resources as they are now. An umbrella name with HRD and Youth and Family Services under it was discussed. Johnson suggested Human Services as the name. Lisa will discuss this with the Mayor as to the process of changing the name. Milford Human Services Agency or Department as the name was discussed.

4. Fiscal Report

The financial report was reviewed. The postage costs have increased due to the amount of applications that have to be sent to TEAM for the Energy Program several times per week. The office has just begun driving the applications up to TEAM once per week and

will try this and see if it is more cost efficient. The copy machine in the office is leased and has needed repairs weekly. Lisa has been working with the copy machine representative regarding replacement. A motion was made by Kecko, seconded by Rev. Osmun to accept the report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

5. New Business

Kecko stated that her term will expire this December and after some discussion deemed that she would request reappointment.

Lisa reported that she received a letter from Rosa DeLauro congratulating her on her appointment.

Thanksgiving baskets were discussed; some distributions will be on Wednesday.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit,

MaryLou Kecko, Recording Secretary