

**Greene County Children and Youth Services**  
**Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 8, 2019**

**Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Greene County Children and Youth Services Advisory Board was held in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room of the Fort Jackson Building, 19 South Washington Street, Waynesburg, PA on Tuesday January 8, 2019. The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m., Pat Lemley, Chairperson presiding.

**Members Present:** Pat Lemley, Donna Neino, Sam Silbaugh, Thelma Szarell, Archie Trader, and Laura Walters.

**Members Absent and/or Excused:** Christine Owens and Michele Robinson.

**Non-Board Members Present:** Amy Anderson, Stacey Courtwright, and Gene D'Antonio.

**Approval of September 11, 2018 Minutes:** Motion by Laura Walters to approve minutes of the January 8, 2019 minutes. Seconded by Thelma Szarell. Motion carried.

**Approval of November 13, 2018 Treasurer's Reports:** Motion by Sam Silbaugh to approve Treasurer's Report for the March 12, 2019. Seconded by Donna Neino. Motion carried.

- Donna reported that the Christmas party went very well this year. There were 130 that RSVP, 55 adults and 75 children. Donna also thanked Mr. and Mrs. Claus for doing such a great job and they committed to do it next year as well. Pat thanked Donna, Donna's husband, and Donna's children for always doing such an amazing job with the Christmas parties for nearly 30 years!
- **Motion by Thelma Szarell to reimburse Donna Neino in the amount of \$1,451.09 for the Christmas party. Seconded by Sam Silbaugh. Motion carried.**

**CYS Director – Stacey Courtwright:**

- Stacey reported that since the last meeting there were 76 incidents, involving 68 families and 113 children. These numbers are very similar to last year at this time so thankfully there is no significant increase.
- Interviews were held last Thursday and Friday with very good candidates. The agency currently has 6 open positions.
- Stacey reported that the agency is in the middle of getting new carpet and moving. Stacey gave a special thanks to IT and Maintenance for all of their help and hard work.
- CASA has been assigned to 3 cases and things are going very well.
- Stacey stated that she, Jessica Sphar, Brandy Yekel, and Patty Reynolds will be attending PCYA next week.
- Stacey reported that Blair Zimmerman dressed up as Santa Claus, a Caseworker dressed up as an elf for Dependency Day and handed out presents to all of the children.
- The Green Turtle donated \$4,000 worth of toys to the County. The County distributed the toys to other departments and agencies that had needy families. Schools were also called for children that needed gifts.

**Solicitor – Cheryl Cowen:**

- Cheryl reported that the Courts started a different change again. The Masters are back to doing CYS cases. The Judge is only hearing certain ones, such as TPR's, or at a Parents request.

- Cheryl stated that the PA Supreme Court found that a Mother that uses drugs during her pregnancy is not considered child abuse because a fetus is not a person, not until the baby is born.
- Cheryl stated that the By-Law Committee needs to set up another meeting to finish making changes. Pat Lemley read the new Mission Statement. **Motion by Donna Neino to accept the Mission Statement. Seconded by Sam Silbaugh. Motion carried.**

**“For the Kids” Report – Laura Walters:**

- Laura reported that there was one new request since the last meeting for beds for the amount of \$399.00.
- There is \$10,000.00 left “For the Kids.”

**Old Business:**

- No Old Business

**New Business:**

- Pat made the 2019 Committee list, but her printer was not working. She will email Amy to copy for the next meeting. Pat read the Committee list.

**Motion by Laura Walters to adjourn the meeting at 9:57. Seconded by Sam Silbaugh. Motion carried.**

**Next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2019**

Respectfully submitted by:  
Amy Anderson, Administrative Assistant  
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