



Stratford Partnership for Youth & Families
Annual Town Hall Meeting ~ Town Hall Council Chambers
Tuesday, June 14, 2016
Minutes

Call to Order & Introductions

Sean Kennedy called the 2016 Annual Town Hall Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers. Sean Kennedy introduced Congressional staffer, Allison Dodge, on behalf of Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro's office. Allison Dodge made a few remarks. Sean Kennedy introduced Stratford's Director of Health, Andrea Boissevain. Andrea Boissevain made opening remarks. Winnie Etienne provided the 2015-2016 Stratford Partnership for Youth and Families highlights and accomplishments.

M.O.N.E.Y. Grants Presentations

Roula Kouvatas and Madelyn Dragone presented the following M.O.N.E.Y. (**Mobilizing Our Neighbors and Engaging Youth**) grants and Local Prevention Council funded projects. Stratford Partnership for Youth and Families presented the following youth groups with the financial contribution of \$250 in support of their community service projects

- Kick Start Youth Soccer Camp ~ Sterling House Community Center
- Prescription Drug PSA by STROBE~ Sterling House Community Center
- Varied Voices ~ Stratford Library Association
- Warm Wishes ~ Chapel Street Elementary School
- Teen Volunteers ~ Stratford Recreation Department
- Unlearn ~ Bunnell High School

Other Funded Projects through the Partnership are:

- SHS & BHS Post Prom
- Tobacco and Alcohol Compliance Checks
- In the Spotlight~ The Mighty Quinn Foundation
- Healthy Kids Day ~ Stratford YMCA
- Help the Children Foundation

M.E.D.A.L.S. Awards Presentation

Youth Committee members presented M.E.D.A.L.S. (**Making Extraordinary Differences And Leading Stratford**) to the following individuals, groups and businesses:

Councilman David Harden
Stratford Recreation Volunteers
Mutual Security Credit Union
The Mighty Quinn Foundation
Jeremy Thompson

Patricia Hines
South End Community Food Pantry
Health Haven—Wooster Middle School-Based
Health Center
Kate Venison

2016-2017 Executive Committee

Olivia Mastroluca introduced the following members as the 2016-2017 Executive Committee:

- Roula Kouvas and Sean Kennedy ~ Co-Chairs
- Kristi Peña and Paul DosSantos ~ Co-Vice Chairs
- Nicholas Satta ~ Youth Sector Representative
- Raquel Juarez and Patricia Hines ~ At-Large

2016-2018 Sector Representatives

Nicholas Satta – Youth
 Jodi Schumann – St. Vincent's Medical Center
 Captain Paul DosSantos – Stratford Police Dept.
 Kathryn Mascia – Stratford Public Schools
 Sean Kennedy – CT Dept. of Rehabilitation Services
 Darin Bershefsky – Wayne's Walk Foundation

Denise Keegan – Parent
 J. Sibley Law – Media
 Bill Steindl – CT Distributors
 Rev. Ed Rawls – Clergy Association
 Jack Cratty – Stratford Rotary Club
 Lucretia Duwel – Stratford Library

Recognition of Retiring Members

Youth members, Winnie Etienne, Olivia Mastroluca and Darrin Bosco were recognized for their service and leadership to the Stratford Partnership for Youth and Families.

2016 Dr. Dudley W. Orr Asset Champion Award

Sean Kennedy and Winnie Etienne presented the 2016 Dudley W. Orr Asset Champion Award to Bunnell High School senior, Darrin Bosco for demonstrating resiliency and a positive attitude and to Denise Keegan, who actively promotes Developmental Assets in Stratford's youth.

Adjournment

Winnie Etienne thanked the attendees for their participation and invited them for refreshments. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anna Gasinski