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Pro-Access Teen Center
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REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

PRESENT:
Chairman, Kristin Nauheimer, Members: Rob Deletis, Bob Korin, Kristin Riolo, Mike Moles

Also present: Hilda Valdespino, Director Pro-Access Teen Center, and Claudia Fortunado, Assistant Director of Pro-Access Teen Center

Absent: Lisa Bergh, Olivia Wooton and Caroline Bruno

Chairman Kristin Nauheimer called the meeting to order at 6:48 PM.

CORRESPONDENCE: We received a thank you card from Hilda's brother and his wife for support during their time of loss.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC INPUT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Rob Deletis made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. The motion was seconded by Bob Korin. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved, unanimously.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Hilda presented the Directors Report (see attached).

Hilda spoke about membership and how she hopes the new summer model will draw in new membership and participation from both new and renewed members. Summer's schedule is going to be event-focused.

Hilda brought up a program called Appreciative Inquiry to help us better evaluate what the need is, what currently exists and how we can make the program stronger. We discussed the importance of strategically planning to better meet the needs of the teens in the town and to help Pro Access thrive. Student Advisory Group is designed to be the core group of planners and doers within the Teen Center and will eventually be brought into this model.

Stars of Bethel update -- Kristin Riolo spent time at Bethel Middle School through the lunch waves one day to get the word out about Stars of Bethel and the Teen Center. She was warmly welcomed and they would be open to have her come back to spread the word on future programs.

A discussion about revisiting the membership fee took place. Currently new members pay $25 and renewed members pay $10. Hilda discussed changing the membership fee to $15 for renewal and new members. We agreed that this would be a good model moving forward.

Hilda discussed the going through someone to help us with publicity and promoting the Pro Access events and programs in the Danbury News Times? Hilda shared the fees that would accompany such publicity for various needs. We think positive publicity would be wonderful for the teen center and its programming. Hilda will look into this for the summer events to draw in more participants.

Relay for Life begins on Friday, June 12 at 4pm for set-up and ends at 10am on Saturday, June 13. We have 20 teens and 5 adults on our team this year! The theme for Bethel Relay for Life is Superheroes and ours is the ProAccess Avengers: *Fighting Childhood Cancers*.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

Hilda presented the expense report since the May meeting (see attached).

Mike looked into getting a Roku 2 device to take place of the cable cost for the month. You can use Netflix, Hulu and still get some channels through it. They would still have to pay for the internet and Netflix, but there would be a monthly saving for the Teen Center if we went this way.

FUNRAISING:

We discussed Balloon-a-Grad. Carwash and Bake Sale are some other options for our summer fundraising. ***Stars of Bethel*** is still taking place.

Hilda thinks we should wait on planning the reception until we have 50 ***Stars*** or more.

UPDATE ON POSSIBLE NEW MEMBERS:

Lisa Bergh, after 10 years serving on the Youth Commission, resigned from the Commission. We are currently in need of two Democrat members. We will think of some people who would be interested in being a part of the Commission and discuss at our July meeting.

UPDATE ON POSSIBLE EX-OFFICIO and STUDENT ADVISORY MEMBERS:

Cassidy Quinn and Ariana Leggio are interested in filling the Ex-Officio and Student Advisory positions. Rob Deletis made a motion to nominate Ariana Leggio for the Ex-Officio member position of the Youth Commission and to nominate Cassidy Quinn for the Student Advisory Chairman. Kristin Riolo seconded. The motion was passed unanimously. Kristin Nauheimer will reach out to Ariana and Cassidy to let them know. They will come to the July meeting.

ADJOURN:

The next meeting will be scheduled for July 14, 2015. Rob Deletis made a motion to change the time of the meeting from 6:45 to 8pm because there is a Pro Access Shark Tank program from 6-8pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the summer. Kristin Riolo seconded. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Bob Korin made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Rob Deletis. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Nauheimer
Chairman