

# **YOUTH COMMISSION**

**PRO-ACCESS TEEN CENTER**

**1 SCHOOL STREET**

**November 17, 2015**

**6:45 PM**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

## **MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Chairman, Kristin Nauheimer, Members: Lisa Bergh, Rob Deletis.

Also present: Hilda Valdespino, Director. Claudia Fortunato, Assistant Director, Resident and potential new member Rob Stowell.

Absent: Mike Moles, Bob Korin, Kristin Riolo, Cassidy Quinn Student Advisory Chairperson and Ariana Leggio, Ex-Officio Teen Member.

Chairman Kristin Nauheimer called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The meeting minutes from October were tabled.

Rob Stowell was introduced to the members as a potential replacement for the vacant Democratic position. Mr. Stowell shared his background and why he desires a position on the Commission.

**DIRECTORS REPORT:** Hilda Valdespino presented the Directors Report (see attached). She discussed the programs, two incidents that occurred, the plans for Super Soup Day and hosting a cardboard city to create awareness of homelessness were explained.

The focus groups that were held and attendance were also discussed, as well as the upcoming survey (see attached).

**Directors Financial Report:** The financial report was tabled due to a computer issue with the program.

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Kristin informed the commission that she had spoken with Brad Heering in regards to the Fundraising Account and the balance being \$274.41.

Hilda mentioned having to deposit the Stars of Bethel money that was raised.

Kristin distributed the Teen Center Contract, for review. The contract was effective September 6, 2007 through August 31, 2008.

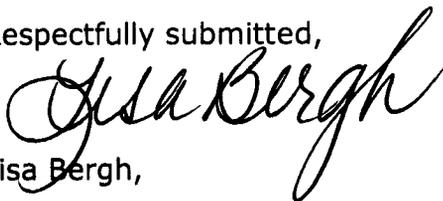
The First Selectman asked that we work on a new contract. This will be needed by June 30, 2016, which will be Hilda's last day as Director if not before depending on circumstances.

The next regular meeting will be scheduled for December 8, 2015.

**ADJOURN:** Lisa Bergh made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded Rob Deletis. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Bergh". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "L".

Lisa Bergh,

Recording Secretary

1. Membership Update:

Grade	Oct. 2015		Total	Sept. 2015 (last report)	Oct. 2014 total (no figures for Sept. alone)
	New Paid Members	Renewal Members			
7	25		25	23	15
8	7	10	17	14	12
Freshman	2	5	7	7	14
Sophomore	1		1	1	13
Juniors		2	2	1	17
Seniors		2	2	1	10
Outgoing Seniors					
Totals	35	19	54	47	81

2. Program Attendance (see report below)
3. Program Discussion
4. Needs Assessment Update
5. Finance Report

Sept. 9 – Oct. 9 PRO ACCESS ACTIVITY REPORT

	Activity	Date	Number attended	Comments
1	Wed. – Decorate for Halloween	Oct, 14	3	
2	Thurs. night - Coloring	Oct. 15	9	
3	Fri night – Glow in the Dark Party	Oct. 16	16	
4	Open Gym	Oct. 16	14	
5	Wed. – Halloween Crafts	Oct. 21	5	
6	Thurs. night	Oct. 22	1	
7	Fri. night Manhunt & Games	Oct. 23	15	
8	Open Gym	Oct. 23	10	
9	Lake Compounce	Oct. 24	25	
10	Wed – Famous Pizza	Oct. 28	5	
11	Thurs. – YouTube Videos	Oct. 29	8	
12	Fri night – Halloween Party	Oct. 30	15	
13	SAG – Middle Schoolers	Nov. 3	8	Discussed Cardboard City
14	Wed. Peanut Butter Day	Nov. 4	3	
15	Thurs. Movie Night	Nov. 5	2	
16	Fri. Name that Tune/Manhunt	Nov. 6	8	
17	Open Gym	Nov. 7	7	Left and went back downstairs at 10PM
18	Wed. – Guinness Record Day	Nov. 11	5	
19	Thurs. – Thanksgiving Foods	Nov. 12	5	
20	Friday -	Nov. 13	5	
21	Thurs. Pumpkin Decorating	Nov. 14	6	
22	Fri night	Nov. 15	8	
23	Open Gym	Nov. 15	6	
Total of 189 participants served with 23 programs for an average of 8 participants per program.				
2014 – same time period – Total of 208 served with 13 programs for an average of 16 participants per program. This was from the Hypnotist show which brought in 86 participants.				

Pro Access Usage by other groups year to date:

Month	Program	Days Used	Average # of students seen
October	Tutoring	19	3 students
October	Transition	1	For ma meeting with coaches, teachers, paras and students.

## ***Bethel Pro-Access Teen Center Needs and Opportunities Assessment Survey***

Assessed by Hilda Valedespino, Bethel Pro Access Teen Center and  
Laura Brown, Community & Economic Development Educator UConn-Extension  
Focus Group Dates:

**Intent:** To determine the needs and opportunities related to teens and teen related services in Bethel. The goal is to inform next steps and future plans for Bethel's Pro Access Teen Center.

**Format:** Online survey sent by email/open link to stakeholders. Timeline- 2 week response period Wed Nov 11- Wed Nov 25

### **Outline:**

- Are you a
  - teenager (if yes, provide age range 13-15, 17-19??)
  - parent of a teenager,
  - service provider or professional serving teenagers
- I
  - live in Bethel, Connecticut
  - work in Bethel, Connecticut
  - attend school in Bethel Connecticut
  - I do not work or live in Bethel, Connecticut
- (If a parent or teen) Are you or is your teen involved in structured activities or programs after school?
  - yes
  - no
- (If a parent or teen) What are the most common times for you or your teen to participate in structured activities outside of school hours?
  - Weekdays ( HOURS)
  - Saturday
  - Sunday
- What are your preferred times for you or your teen to participate in structured activities outside of school hours?
  - Weekdays ( HOURS)
  - Saturday
  - Sunday
- How do you typically learn about activities or programs?
  - School announcements/flyers
  - Email
  - Website
  - From friends
  - ETC

- Are there activities or programs for teens that you wish were available in Bethel? Please comment.....
- If you are not participating in after school activities/programs what would motivate you to get involved? Please comment...

**BASED ON FOCUS GROUPS consider adding: What is the primary factor affecting whether you or your teen participate in structured activities outside of school hours?  
PROVIDE LIST BASED ON FOCUS GROUP RESPONSES**

I. Questions

**1. Tell us your name, if you are a parent, or have a professional position related to teens and if so how long you have been in your position.**

**2. Why did you come today and what are you expecting to learn and/or share?**

**3. What are the main factors that impact teen's participation in out of school activities?**

Probe: Could you explain that more?

**4. In your opinion what activities or programs have been most effective at engaging teens in Bethel?**

Probe: Why? Can you be more specific?

**5. Are the current activities available for teens in Bethel meeting their needs?**

Probes: Why or why not?

**6. What needs are unmet by current activities or programs for teens in Bethel?**

Probes: Could you describe that further?

**7. What do you see as the most important step in addressing needs and opportunities for Bethel's teens?**

**8. Is there anything else you would like to share?**

NOT SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSED: Why are teens not involved in after school activities/programs?