

# **YOUTH COMMISSION**

**CJH MUNICIPAL CENTER**

**PRO-ACCESS TEEN CENTER**

**1 SCHOOL STREET**

**Monday, July 16, 2012**

**6:45 PM**

## **MINUTES**

### **PRESENT:**

Chairman, Richard Merritt, Vice Chair, Bob Korin, Members: Kristin Nauheimer, Jane Kraver, and Kate Shea. Ex-Officio teen member Chris Phelps.

Also present: Hilda Delucia, Director Pro-Access Teen Center, and Assistant Director Claudia Fortunato.

Absent: Lisa Bergh and Nicole Struth

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

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** none

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Hilda DeLucia received a Thank You card from an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student whom she sent a candy gift basket to recently. This boy has cancer and thought they would send a little something to him from Pro Access every few months to let him know we are thinking of him.

Richard Merritt received a letter from Kelley Fournier regarding an inquiry for Pro Access to get a van for student transport, see attached. Richard and Hilda to do some follow up research this month regarding this possibility.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Vice Chairman Bob Korin made a motion to accept the minutes of June 18, 2012. The motion was seconded by Kristin. Vote taken, motion approved.

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

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Hilda discussed that doing a 6pm-midnight program instead of the Lock Out is more appealing to the current kids who attend. Sometimes you have to change things around based on the kids and families who attend.

Hilda discussed the possibility of doing a Boys Group and a Girls Group in the future.

Balloon-a-Grad was AWESOME. The kids did a great job selling them and were great delivering on the day before Graduation.

The anniversary party didn't have as big of a turn out as we had hoped. We don't think we'd be interested in doing something next year, but maybe for the Fifth Anniversary we might revisit the celebration.

The trip to the Prison was FANTASTIC. Students were truly impacted by listening to the prisoner stories and the overall experience. Both Hilda and Claudia think we should do this every year to expose more students to this type of experience. Students wrote wonderful Thank You letters to the prisoners to share their feelings on this trip and truly got a lot out of the experience.

Hilda and Claudia shared stories about a challenging student. Questions arose about how to handle a situation with a student who has been given many chances to change his/her behavior. We really do want them to do what's best for the whole group. Hilda expressed interest in possibly taking a behavior management class to help with strategies for dealing with these students and situations. Should we revisit the Code of Conduct and come up with some consequences for dealing with situations?

Fundraising: Both Eileen Earle and Hilda were pleased with the turn out for the Firecracker Race! We had 50 Walkers total and Pro Access will receive a check from Eileen in the near future. We made \$10-12 per Walker. Eileen was pleased with this partnership and would definitely do it again in the future.

Hilda is looking to restructure the Student Advisory group that will have students sitting at a table during the lunch waves. Students will have applications, inform students, and sell tickets for upcoming events. This will give Advisory members more of an ownership and role in school. It worked really well for Balloon-a-Grad.

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We discussed the possibility of changing the terms of the Student Advisory liaison to be a one-year term so that other students would have the opportunity to serve. We expressed the importance of the Ex-Officio and Student Advisory Liaison truly stepping up to the plate and being our eyes and ears in the schools. Those two students should be leaders and take initiative. Hilda will speak with Brooke about changing this position to one year rotation and Chris will speak with Hilda in August.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Chairman Merritt noted that the next meeting will be held on Monday, August 20, 2012.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** NONE

**ADJOURN:**

Kate Shea made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Jane Kraver. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.  
Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Nauheimer,  
Substitute Recording Secretary

**Rich,**

**The CT Department of Administrative Services does facilitate a State Surplus Property Program. Because the Teen Center has an affiliation with the Town of Bethel you would be able to work with DAS to acquire a van. There would have to be one available, and it would have to be unwanted by other State Agencies. If you would like to speak with someone directly regarding this program you can call Jim at 860-571-7445.**

**Also, I spoke with HART. They have a similar program with their decommissioned vehicles. As of now there are no vans available, but they could be available in the coming months. HART is also more likely to donate the vehicle. If you would like to speak with someone directly regarding this program you can call Eric at 203-744-4070.**

**Please keep me updated on these conversations and if there is anything else we can assist you with.**

**All the best,**

**Kelley Fournier**

**Legislative Aide to Senator Michael A. McLachlan**

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May 17, 2012 – Jun15, 2012  
**PRO ACCESS ACTIVITY REPORT**

	Activity	Date	Attendees	Comments
1	Movie Night	May 18	7	
2	Sycamores	May 22	6	
3	Pro Access – Wed.	May 23	4	
4	Pro Access –Thursday	May 24	8	
5	“Friday Fun Night” – revised Lockout	May 25	14	6PM to midnight
6	Tao Girls	May 30	4	
7	Relay for Life Meeting	May 30	13	
8	Pro Access- Thursday	May 31	12	
9	Pro Access – Thursday	June 7	11	
10	Relay for Life Meeting	June 7	15	
11	Relay for Life	June 9	16	
12	Sycamores	June 12	6	
13	Balloon-A-Grad	June 12	8	Teen volunteers blowing up balloons
	Balloon-A-Grad	June 12		7 adult drivers, 2 teen drivers and 7 teen driver companions
14	Tao Girls	June 13	3	
15	Last Day of School Tournaments & Peachwave	June 14	13	
16	One Year Anniversary	June 15	20	
Total Participants served in April 2012/May 2012			160	Avg. of 10 participants per program
During this same period, mid-April. 2011 to mid-May 2011, 79 participants were served with 9 programs for an average of 8 participants per program.				

**Pro Access Usage by other groups:**

Month	Program	Adults	Students
May 23 – June 6 Wednesdays from 10 – 12:15	Transition Students	3 adults 2 times 6 adults 1 time (they held their staff meeting here)	3 students 3 times
May 18 to June 12 Daily 10:00 to 2:00	Tutoring	Used 19 days	Average of 2 students per day

**I. Membership Update:**

Grade	July 2012		Total	July 2011		Total
	New Paid Members	Renewal Members		New	Renewal	
7	11	0	11	5	5	10
8	1	6	7	7	4	11
Freshman	1	5	6	0	3	3
Sophomore	1	0	1	0	1	1
Juniors	0	0	0	2	7	9
Seniors	0	0	0	0	1	1
Total	14	11	25	14	21	35

I. Program Update and Attendance (see report below)

a. Arts and Crafts Class-no interest

II. Program Discussion

- i. Westerners – will schedule for August
- ii. Volleyball – unable to get space
- iii. Summer Enrichment program – very low turnout for reading program
- iv. Concert in late August before school starts
- v. Microsoft Store program

II. Relay for Life gave check to ACS for \$1,643 includes snack shed and games income.  
 2012- Raised \$2,236 second highest donation we've given to ACS for Relay (15 members)  
 2008 - Raised \$1,958 - Theme – Quackin' Down on Cancer (16 members)  
 2009 - Raised \$2,472 – Theme – Opening the Doors for a Cure (19 members)  
 2010 – Raised \$1,930 – Demolishing Cancer One Country at a Time (19 members)  
 2011 – Raised \$1,993 – Games Theme - (22 members)

III. Fundraisers

- i. Firecracker Road Race – 50 walkers
- ii. Balloon-A-Grad netted \$569.00 (65 orders – grossed \$925)

IV. Student Advisory Restructuring

V. Youth Commission Youth Representative

June 19, 2012 – July 13, 2012

PRO ACCESS ACTIVITY REPORT

	Activity	Date	Attendees	Comments
1	Famous Pizza	June 19	8	
2	Relay for Life Wrap-up Meeting	June 19	7	
3	Pro Access – Wednesday	June 20	6	
4	Pro Access – Thursday	June 21	12	5 new potential members
5	Movie Night – Friday Night	June 22	16	
6	Pro Access – Wednesday	June 27	4	
7	Pro Access – Thursday	June 28	13	
8	Volunteer selling candy at Park & Rec Movie Night	June 28	1	
9	Luau Party - Friday Night	June 29	16	Including 2 Junior volunteers
10	Pro Access – Wed.	July 5	4	
11	Friday Night – Super Soaker/Water Balloons	July 6	11	
12	Pizza, Peachwave and Pages	July 9	2	
13	Prison Visit	July 11	13	Plus 5 adult chaperones
14	Pro Access- Thursday	July 12	4	
15	Star Wars Trilogy – Friday Night	July 13	6	
Total Participants served in June 2012/July 2012			123	Avg. of 8 participants per program
During this same period, mid-June. 2011 to mid-July 2011, 191 participants were served with 19 programs for an average of 12 participants per program.				