

YOUTH COMMISSION

CJH MUNICIPAL CENTER

PRO-ACCESS TEEN CENTER

1 SCHOOL STREET

August 20, 2012

6:45 PM

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

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TOWN OF BETHEL
TOWN CLERK

PRESENT:

Chairman, Richard Merritt, Vice Chair, Bob Korin, Members: Lisa Bergh, Kristin Nauheimer, and Nicole Struth, Ex-Officio Teen Member Chris Phelps, and Student Advisory member Brooke Ferraro.

Also present: Pro-Access Director, Hilda Delucia, Assistant Director Claudia Fortunato, Youth Officer Lynn Morris, and Rob Delitis

Absent: Jane Kraver, and Kate Shea,

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

ANNOUNCEMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: People's Magazine, and Net Flix.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Kristin Nauheimer made a motion to accept the minutes of July 16th. Motion was seconded by Nicole Struth. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Hilda Delucia presented the Directors Report.(see attached).Hilda reviewed the activities sponsored by Pro-Access Teen Center, which included High Stakes Bingo which was a success with 51 attendants; it was open to anyone in 7th through 12th grade. For a nominal amount Hilda has been able to purchase the software to create bingo cards for the future as well. Hilda also discussed upcoming possible events to be held.

OLD BUSINESS: It was agreed upon that a new code of conduct is required for members based on a discussion of the behavior of one of the members.

Chairman Merritt informed the commission that he had taken the steps to inquire about obtaining transportation for the Teen Center. Hilda also mentioned having a discussion regarding obtaining a vehicle. She was told the cost to operate such a vehicle is cost prohibitive with having to obtain insurance.

NEW BUSINESS: Hilda reported being notified that the Department of Social Services will no longer be paying for the chaperone for the class on Thursdays for the special needs students. Hilda is looking into other options.

PUBLIC INPUT: Officer Lynn Morris from the Bethel Police Department was present to discuss a possible new program. The Juvenile Diversion Board has been implemented in other towns as a way for juvenile offenders charged with minor misdemeanors to avoid being placed in the Juvenile Justice System. It consists of a board of volunteers, involved with youth, youth officers, etc. Officer Morris was seeking the Youth Commission's feedback in regards to the formation of such a board. She was well received.

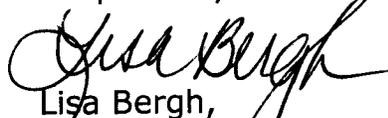
The next regular meeting of the Youth Commission will be held on September 17, 2012

ADJOURN:

Nicole Struth made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Kristin Nauheimer. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM

Respectfully submitted,


Lisa Bergh,
Recording Secretary

I. Membership Update:

Grade	Aug. 2012		Total	July 2012 TOTALS	Aug. 2011		Total
	New Paid Members	Renewal Members			New Paid Members	Renewal Members	
7	12	0	12	11	7	5	12
8	3	11	14	7	8	5	13
Freshman	1	9	10	6	0	3	3
Sophomore	1	0	1	1	0	3	3
Juniors	0	2	2	0	2	13	15
Seniors	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Total	17	22	39	25	17	31	48

- I. Program Update and Attendance (see report below)
- II. Program Discussion
 - i. Westerners
 - ii. Concert in late August before school starts
- II. Fundraisers
 - a. Firecracker Road Race – 50 walkers
- III. Student Advisory Restructuring
- IV. Meeting notes from Meeting with Mr. Chris Troetti (Principal at BHS)
- V. Youth Commission Youth Representative

July 17, 2012 – Aug. 17, 2012
PRO ACCESS ACTIVITY REPORT

	Activity	Date	Attendees	Comments
1	Famous Pizza	July 17	5	
2	Pro Access – Wednesday	July 18	8	
3	Pro Access – Thursday	July 19	7	5 new potential members
4	Pizza Peachwave and Pages	July 23	0	
5	Maritime Aquarium Cruise Ship	July 25	16	2 chaperones
6	Pro Access – Thursday	July 26	9	
7	Movie Night	July 27	9	
8	High Stakes Bingo	July 31	51	2 college chaperones, + Officer Morris
9	Pro Access – Wed.	Aug 1	4	
10	Pro Access – Thursday	Aug. 2	12	
11	Movie Night	Aug. 3	10	
	Pizza Peachwave and Pages	Aug. 6	0	
12	National Night Out	Aug. 7	6	1 volunteered, 5 visited
13	Pro Access – Wed.	Aug. 8	6	
14	Pro Access – Thursday	Aug. 9	9	
15	Water Balloon/Super Soaker	Aug. 10	11	
16	Video Game Making at the Mall	Aug. 13	7	6 participated, 1 played in the store
17	Famous Pizza	Aug. 14	6	
	Lake Compounce	Aug. 15	0	Cancelled
18	Pro Access – Thursday	Aug. 16	6	
19	Student Advisory Group – High School	Aug. 16	9	
20	Youtube Night	Aug. 17	9	
Total Participants served in July 2012/Aug 2012			200	Average of 10 per program
During this same period, mid-July. 2011 to mid-Aug. 2011, 117 participants were served with 20 programs for an average of 6 participants per program.				