

**Youth Commission – October 15, 2012**

Present: Rich, Bob, Kristin, Kate, Jane, Nicole, Hilda, Claudia

Absent: Lisa, Chris and Brooke (volleyball game)

Rich called the meeting to order at 6:45pm

**Announcements**

None

**Correspondence**

1. Hilda and Claudia received a thank you letter from the Scotty Fund thanking ProAccess for supporting the picnic.
2. A letter encouraging us to become a member of the Chamber of Commerce and to pay the dues of \$103. Hilda thinks we should join because it's worth it to be a part of it.

Jane will make a motion for Hilda to pay the dues to join the Chamber of Commerce. Kate seconded. Unanimous.

**Secretary's Report**

Kate made a motion to approve the minutes from Monday, Sept 17. Jane seconded. Unan.

**Director's Report**

Membership is up by 2 people for the year, but down 33 people from last year at this time. Juniors haven't been renewing and aren't as active. Last year they renewed very quickly because they were very active last year. Numbers will go up due to open gym. There is steady activity from the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> graders.

Family night had about the same amount of attendance as last year. Famous Pizza said that no other group organizes a Family Night like we do. Rock Concert had lower attendance than expected; ProAccess plans to revisit in the spring to do it again with hopefully more response.

Open Gym started earlier than last year, so we hope that numbers will grow because teens need to be a member to attend after the first time.

Piano and Guitar lessons – No one has shown much of an interest to pursue but Hilda will continue to put it out there and see if interest sparks.

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Weight Room – Lisa Plumb is working on taking the weight equipment (that was donated to ProAccess years ago) and making a weight room available in the Municipal Center. Due to liabilities, it's not necessarily in our best interest to make this available for the teen center. Depending on how this progresses, Hilda might see if there is a personal trainer who might be interested in this in the future.

Special Needs Program – the woman from the state department of special services was paid by the state to run this program. When the state said that they couldn't pay for it, the program was put on hold to find someone to run this program. Hilda is in the process of looking into finding someone to run the program. It would be 1 day a week for 3.5 hours. We would like to get this up and running hopefully in November. Eileen Earle, director of Parks & Recreation, said she might be interested in helping to pay this person. It's really enjoyable for the special needs kids and is also a great experience for the mainstream teens.

What about finding an Intern from WCSU who could get credit or do hours for their program of studies? Hilda will look into this.

#### Senior Center Collaboration

Holiday Shop at the Senior Center will take place on Nov 30 and Dec. 1. Lisa Plumb asked the teen center to help by painting faces, playing Christmas Music (Ben), and being Santa (for pictures). This would be a good opportunity for the teens to collaborate with Senior Center. They would also bake for their Holiday Shop, using the Senior Center kitchen to bake and donate to the Seniors to sell.

Souper Soup will be held on November 14<sup>th</sup> in the Municipal Center. We will be using their cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 a ticket.

English Apothecary will donate something to the teen center on the first of every month. What a great thing for a local business to do for us!

Will ProAcces make Christmas Cards again this year? Yes, teens will make them again this year.

Stove -- do you think we should try to get a stove for the Teen Center? Lisa (Plumb) said that we could use the Senior Center stove whenever we want, as long as no one is using it, however it is difficult to be supervising the teens in the teen center and worrying about what's cooking in the oven across the hall. We will start either looking for a donation or an available stove to purchase. Hilda will do research on the stove and will report to us next month so that we can decide to authorize the use of fundraising money.

Student Advisory – There is no news here. Hilda sent out an email blast to see if she could drum up some new blood there.

**New Business**

None.

**Unfinished Business**

Hilda has included an Asset in each of her emails. Hilda is promoting these, looking for connections from students to respond and share.

Teen Center purchased a water cooler for member use.

Our next meeting is Nov. 19 at 6:45pm. We will have to decide what night we want to have our meetings on next year. Please think about this before the meeting. Hilda would prefer going back to Tuesdays. Would the second Tuesday of the month work to avoid interfering with other town meetings?

Nicole make a motion to adjourn. Kate second. Unanimous. Rich called the meeting to end at 7:43pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kristin Naubeumier *RAB*

**I. Membership Update:**

Grade	Oct. 2012		Total	Sept. 2012 TOTALS	Oct. 2011		Total
	New Paid Members	Renewal Members			New Paid Members	Renewal Members	
7	13	<del>13</del>	13	13	16	8	24
8	3	13	16	16	10	11	21
Freshman	2	14	16	15	0	6	6
Sophomore	1	0	1	1	0	9	9
Juniors	0	3	3	3	2	20	22
Seniors	0	5	5	4	0	5	5
Total	19	35	54	52	28	59	87

I. Program Update and Attendance (see report below)

II. Program Discussion

- a. Piano Lessons
- b. Guitar Lessons
- c. Weight Room
- d. Special Needs Program

III. Upcoming Events

- a. Senior Center Collaboration
- b. Lake Compounce

IV. Fundraisers

- a. Souper Soup Day

V. Stove

September 18, 2012 – October 11, 2012

PRO ACCESS ACTIVITY REPORT

	Activity	Date	Attendees	Comments
1.	Famous Pizza	Sept. 18	7	
2.	Pro Access – Wednesday	Sept. 19	7	
3.	Pro Access – Thursday	Sept. 20	9	
4.	Family Night	Sept. 24	77	77 attendees – 38 kids 22 families
5.	Pro Access – Wed.	Sept. 26	8	
6.	Pro Access – Thursday	Sept. 27	5	
7.	Rock Concert	Sept. 28	25	15 teens
8.	Pro Access – Wed.	Oct. 3	7	
9.	Pro Access – Thursday	Oct. 4	6	
10.	Pro Access- Friday Night 6-8:45PM	Oct. 5	6	
11.	Open Gym 9-11PM	Oct. 5	16	First one of the year. Last year didn't begin till Dec. 2.
12.	Blue Jays and The Creamery	Oct. 6	6	
13.	\$5Manicures	Oct. 9	2	
14.	Souper Soup Day Meeting	Oct. 9	4	Planning meeting
15.	Pro Access – Wed.	Oct. 10	11	
16.	Pro Access – Thursday	Oct. 11	9	
Total participants served Sept/Oct. 2012			205	Average of 13 participants per program
During this same period, mid-Sept. 2011 to mid-Oct. 2012, 195 participants were served with 15 programs for an average of 13 participants per program.				

**Pro Access Usage by other groups:**

Month	Program	Adults	Students
August 2012	Tutoring	Used 2 days	Average of 2 students per day
September 2012	Tutoring	Used 15 days	Average of 2 students per day
October 2012 (till Oct. 12)	Tutoring	Used 8 days	Average of 2 students per day