

# **YOUTH COMMISSION**

**CJH MUNICIPAL CENTER**

**PRO-ACCESS TEEN CENTER**

**1 SCHOOL STREET**

**March 12, 2013**

**6:45 PM**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

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TOWN CLERK

**PRESENT:**

Chairman, Richard Merritt, and Members: Rob DeLetis, Lisa Bergh, Kristin Nauheimer, Bob Korin, Jane Kraver, and Brooke Ferraro, Student Advisory Member

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

Absent: Kate Shea, Chris Phelps

Chairman Rich Merritt called the meeting to order at 6:49 PM

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Bob Korin made a motion to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting dated 02-12-2013. The motion was seconded by Jane Kraver. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

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

Hilda updated the Commission on membership numbers. The Teen Violence Program sponsored by the Women's Center of Danbury was a great success. The Special Needs class is doing well. Hilda also discussed possible upcoming programs. Relay for Life will be June 8<sup>th</sup>, while the Pro-Access Teen Center will be participating, it was a group decision that the teens would not be running the snack shed this year.

The Relay for Life Coordinator will be notified.

A student college writing program will be held April 25<sup>th</sup>, possible participation in a Teacher Appreciation Day, possible participation in the "Food Project" which in more detail would consist of a community garden for the teens to include all garden care such as planting, maintaining and harvesting for possible sale at the Municipal Farmers Market. "Ask a Question, Save a Life" which is a free of charge suicide prevention training program. Dates of May 1<sup>st</sup> or April 30<sup>th</sup> as an alternative.

Makeup program- Professional Makeup artist will come in April and free of charge will offer instruction to teens on how to apply a natural looking makeup application. The only cost will be for the cubes which cost \$30.00 each with the Teen Center covering \$15.00 for each of the cubes. The makeup is cost to the artist and there is no profit involved for her.

Bob Korin suggested coordinating with a photographer for head shots, this is something the Teen Center has done in the past, years ago and seemed to be successful. This idea will be brought up at the next Student Advisory Meeting and discussed at a future Youth Commission Meeting.

Monster Golf will be held on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, Ferris Farms Creamery opens for the season on April 9<sup>th</sup>, and Hilda will be taking teens via bus at 4:00 PM.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 3-4 PM Amy Schuman of Bethel Library will be hosting T-Shirt Time. Decorating T-Shirts with the Teens.

Rob brought up an awareness program regarding social host laws for parents hosting parties at which alcohol is served and the legal consequences. This will be funded by the Bethel Community Care Coalition.

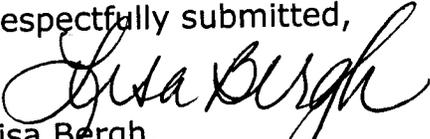
**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Lisa Bergh made a motion to enter into Executive Session; the motion was seconded by Rob DeLetis. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. Executive Session entered at 7:58 PM.

Richard Merritt made a motion to come out of Executive Session; the motion was seconded by Rob DeLetis. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. Executive Session exited at 8:35 PM

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 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

Prepared by: Hilda Maria DeLucia, Bethel Teen Center Director

**I. Membership Update:**

Grade	Jan. 2013		Total
	New Paid Members	Renewal Members	
7	17	<del>17</del>	17
8	6	17	23
Freshman	9	19	28
Sophomore	1	0	1
Juniors	1	7	8
Seniors	0	15	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>92</b>

	Dec. 2012		Total
	New Paid Members	Renewal Members	
	15	<del>17</del>	15
	4	17	21
	7	17	24
	1	0	1
	1	6	7
	0	15	15
	28	55	83

Grade	March 2013		Total
	New Paid Members	Renewal Members	
7	17	<del>17</del>	17
8	14	19	33
<b>Freshman</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Sophomore</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Juniors</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Seniors</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>110</b>

	Feb. 2013		Total
	New Paid Members	Renewal Members	
	17	<del>17</del>	17
	12	18	30
	12	19	32
	1	0	1
	1	7	8
	0	15	15
	43	59	103

March 2012 Membership			
Grade	New Paid Members	Renewal Members	Total
7	21	8	29
8	14	13	27
Freshman	2	9	11
Sophomore	1	12	13
Juniors	3	38	41
Seniors	2	8	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>131</b>

I. Program Update and Attendance (see report below)

II. Program Discussion

Former Programs	Potential Programs
Relay for Life	College Writing Program
Journey to Work	Teacher Appreciation Day
SAG - BCCC	Balloon A Grad- Jayme McGovern
	SADD/SAG/BCCC
	The Food Project
	Volunteer program for seniors
	"Ask a Question, Save a Life"
	Beauty & The Beast Tickets
	Makeup Program
	Monster Golf
	Creamery Opening Day

III. Updating the Website

IV. Fundraisers

a. Pro Access Pit Stop Coffee Cart –grossed approx. \$145.00 net between \$70-\$100

V. Special Needs Program

VI. Discipline Issues

February 12, 2013 – March 11, 2013  
**PRO ACCESS ACTIVITY REPORT**

	Activity	Date	Attendees	Comments
1.	Teen Violence Program	Feb. 12	34	Sponsored by Women's Center (18 students, 16 adults)
2.	Pro Access – Wednesday	Feb. 13	14	
3.	Pro Access – Thursday	Feb. 14	8	
4.	Pro Access – Friday Night	Feb. 15	13	
5.	Open Gym	Feb. 15	40	
6.	Coffee Cart	Feb. 16	3	
7.	Pro Access – Wed.	Feb. 20	10	
8.	Pro Access – Thurs.	Feb. 21	8	
9.	Pro Access - Friday Night	Feb. 22	2	
10.	Open Gym	Feb. 22	27	
11.	Pro Access Opened - Wednesday	Feb. 27	11	
12.	Pro Access Opened – Thursday	Feb. 28	4	
13.	Pro Access Friday Night	March 1	10	
14.	Open Gym	March 1	50	
15.	Student Advisory Meeting	March 5	7	
16.	Pro Access – Wednesday	March 6	9	
17.	Pro Access – Thursday.	March 7	4	
18.	Pro Access – Friday/Open Gym	March 8	0	Cancelled due to snow
Total participants served Feb/March. 2013			254	Average of 14 participants per program

During this same period, mid-Feb. 2011 to mid-March 2012 212 participants were served with 22 programs for an average of 16 participants per program.

**Pro Access Usage by other groups:**

Month	Program	Adults	Students
Feb. 2013	Transition Students	Used 1 day	1 student with 1 job coach
March 2013 (up till 3/11)	Transition Students	Used 1 day	1 student with 1 job coach
Feb. 2013	Tutoring	Used 18 days	Average of 4 students per day
March 2013 (till March. 14)	Tutoring	Used 6 days	Average of 3 students per day