

YOUTH COMMISSION

CJH MUNICIPAL CENTER

PRO-ACCESS TEEN CENTER

1 SCHOOL STREET

August 13, 2013

6:45 PM

Regular Meeting

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PRESENT:

Chairman, Richard Merritt, and Members: Rob DeLetis, Lisa Bergh, Kate Shea, and Bob Korin. Student Advisory Member, Caroline Bruno, and Student Advisory Chairman, Olivia Wootton.

Also present: Pro-Access Director, Hilda Delucia

Absent: Jane Kraver, Kristin Nauheimer, and Assistant Pro-Access Director Claudia Fortunato.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Rob DeLetis made a motion to approve the minutes of July 9, 2013. The motion was seconded by Kate Shea. Vote taken. Motion approved. Lisa Bergh abstained.

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

Among other items being discussed, Hilda announced that our team for Relay for Life collected its highest total ever with donations totaling \$2,786.09.

Bethel High School orientation for freshmen will take place on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 at 8:00AM. Both the High School and the Middle School approached Hilda to attend and promote the Teen Center.

Discussion took place regarding the recent donation of clothing by a parent whose children no longer wears. This was all good quality clothing and was a hit with some of the boys that attended one afternoon. The idea to possibly

hold a clothing drop/giveaway of good new or slightly used clothing to assist teens in need came about. Further discussion on this topic will take place with a meeting scheduled by Hilda for volunteers from the Youth Commission to work out details to see if it is a doable thing.

Owners of the new ice cream store approached Hilda regarding having their middle school children attend the Teen Center. They are Danbury residents. Discussion among the Youth Commission resulted in a reading of the Code of the Town of Bethel and the mission statement for the Pro-Access Teen Center. It specifically states to serve the teens of Bethel. Not only this but the liability insurance may not cover non-residents and it sets a precedent.

It was decided that the Scotty Fund table that is hosted by Pro-Access teens is not lucrative enough to make a difference and we should focus on different areas to receive donations.

Hilda's theme for this year is "Dream Big, Do Big"

Hilda acknowledged a parent for sending in an additional \$10.00 with their renewal as a donation to the Teen Center. This was very much appreciated and Hilda will ask Secretary Jane Kraver to write a thank you note on behalf of the Youth Commission and Teen Center.

EX-OFFICIO REPORT: Olivia Wootton noted that a friend in her and Caroline's circle has recently been certified as a ZUMBA instructor. Olivia asked if a she could host a class. It was well received that a teen would host and should bring more attendees.

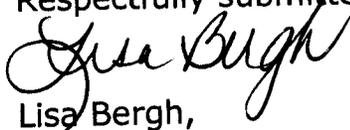
OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: The regular meeting of September 10th will be cancelled and replaced with a Special Meeting on Thursday, September 12th at 6:45PM.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Bergh,
Recording Secretary

July 10, 2013 – Aug.10, 2013
PRO ACCESS ACTIVITY REPORT

	Activity	Date	Attendees	Comments
1.	Pro Access – Wednesday	July 10	4	
2.	Pro Access – Thursday	July 11	6	
3.	Friday Night at Pro Access	June 12	3	
4.	Open Gym	June 12	14	
5.	High Stakes Bingo	July 16	73	Received 4 new apps and 3 renewals
6.	Pro Access – Wednesday	July 17	6	
7.	Pro Access – Thursday	July 18	7	
8.	Friday Night at Pro Access	July 19	5	
9.	Open Gym	July 19	15	
10.	Pro Access – Wednesday	July 24	6	
11.	Pro Access – Thursday	July 25	7	
12.	Friday Night at Pro Access	July 26	7	
13.	Open Gym	July 26	9	
14.	Whale Watching	July 31	0	Cancelled-lack of interest
15.	ProAccess – Thursday	Aug. 1	4	
16.	Friday Night @ Pro Access	Aug. 2	3	
17.	Open Gym	Aug. 2	14	
18.	Pro Access – Wed.	Aug. 7	8	
19.	Pro Access – Thursday	Aug. 8	6	
20.	Friday Night – Super Soaker	Aug. 9	7	
21.	Car Wash	Aug. 10	0	Cancelled – too few volunteers
Total participants served June/July 2013			204	Average of 11 participants per program (19 programs)

During this same period, mid-July 2012 to mid-Aug 2012 200 participants were served with 20 programs for an average of 10 participants per program.

Pro Access Usage by other groups:

Month	Program	Adults	Students
July 2013	Tutoring	Used 16 days through July 26	1 student per day from 9 to 11AM.

I. Membership Update:

Grade	Aug 2013		Total	Last Month	Aug. 2012		Total
	New Paid Members	Renewal Members			New Paid Members	Renewal Members	
7	9		9	0	12	0	12
8	3	5	8	2	3	11	14
Freshman	2	10	12	2	1	9	10
Sophomore	0	10	10	0	1	0	1
Juniors	0	3	3	1	0	2	2
Seniors	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Total	16	29	43	6	17	22	39

- I. Program Update and Attendance (see report below)
- II. Past Program Discussion
 - Relay for Life – Our team raised \$2,786.09! Most ever!!!!
 - Balloon A-Grad - net \$613.45 same # of orders sold (55)
 - High Stakes Bingo
 - Whale Watching
 - Car Wash
- III. Upcoming Program Discussion
 - The Food Project – Hilda will contact John O’Neil from the Bethel Land Trust
 - Girls Circle- Promoting Resiliency in Adolescent Girls
 - Kids Marathon
 - BBQ for First Day of School Lunch
 - 123 Kits/Arts and Crafts Corner
 - BHS Freshman Orientation
 - BMS Parent Orientation same day as Sept. YC meeting
- IV. Membership Drive – Goal of 50 members by August 2013
 - a. Increase use of website and facebook.
 - b. SAG Meeting and Membership
- V. Volunteer Opportunities
 - Library Book Sale – Aug. 24-26
 - Pillow cases for children with cancer
 - Baking for Scotty Fund – update from Caroline
- VI. New Issues
 - a. Clothes Closet
 - b. Membership for Owners of Bethel Businesses
 - c. Scotty Fund
 - d. Calendar Mailing/membership
 - e. Theme for the year – Dream Big...Do Big
 - f. The CT Youth Safety Conference – Sept. 27, 2013
 - g. “Where do you Stand” program for boys...and “Girls Circle”
- VII. Fundraising
 - a. Parent donation (Jane thank you letter)