



YOUTH COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, December 18, 2007

Pro Access

Members present: Richard Merritt, Shani Burke-Specht, Janice Stevenson, Kim Keough on speakerphone and Hilda DeLucia, Teen Center Director.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Chairman R. Merritt asked for a motion to accept the 11/20/07 meeting minutes; Shani Burke-Specht made the motion, Janice Stevenson seconded; motion passed.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no Public Input.

Hilda DeLucia presented the Director's monthly report: through her networking efforts, students took part in an arts and crafts Stamping Class presented by Susan Wichman of DRS Designs, and a cookie making class with Chef Jesse. There will be a 4 week cooking class offered at the Young Chef's Academy in Brookfield, where students will be creating pasta and sauce dishes. John Licarrie is troubleshooting the ProAccess computers to assure they are operational. Janice Stevenson will try to acquire a laptop for Mrs. DeLucia. A combination Air Hockey/Pool Table has been purchased (on sale) for future use at the Center. In collaboration with the Parks and Rec. Dept, Thursday afternoon programs will include Special Needs Students at parents' request. The Commission supports the concept, and agrees the program should be advertised as geared for students with special needs. H. DeLucia noted there are very few High School students taking part in ProAccess activities. ProAccess members helped set-up the Community Council's Giving Tree at the Municipal Center, and Mrs. DeLucia said she is looking into other advanced options, possibly a Volunteer Job Pool entered on a data base logging teens' hours of community service.

OLD BUSINESS

H. DeLucia met with First Selectman Robert Burke, Health Department Director Laura Vasile and the Supervisor of Public Works to review the design plan that was originally submitted to address lead and asbestos abatement at ProAccess, soon to be put out to bid.

NEW BUSINESS

S. Burke-Specht's term will expire in January; she will resign the Commission to take a seat on the Library Board. R. Merritt thanked her for her service to the Youth of Bethel. K. Keough plans to stay on the Board as her term also expires in January; there are still vacancies for an Unaffiliated or Independent, and ex-officio Student Member 15 - 18yrs. Reiterating the serious conditions at the Center, discussion of the anticipated State Funding led to a motion from J. Stevenson to form a sub-committee to explore alternative

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options should there be a need to re-locate ProAccess; S. Burke-Specht seconded, motion passed unanimously.

There was no Executive Session.

There being no further business, S. Burke-Specht motioned to adjourn, J. Stevenson seconded, motion passed, and meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

The next regular meeting will be January 15, 2008, 6:45pm at Pro Access.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Orsino

