

YOUTH COMMISSION

PRO-ACCESS TEEN CENTER

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MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman, Richard Merritt, Members: Janice Stevenson, Lisa Bergh, Jane Kraver, Kim Keough, and Jerome Ochs. Absent: Melisa Pelikan. Also Present: Hilda Delucia, Teen Center Director, Claudia Fortunato, Assistant Director and Resident, David Glahn.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Richard Merritt called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT: David Glahn spoke to the committee regarding the work done to open the Teen Center with the help of many people and how the past administrations have left the Teen Center to deteriorate. The current administration is the only one that can rectify this. It is not up to the director, nor the youth commission. Mr. Glahn feels that the last chance to fix the building would be to take the money out of the general fund. He recommends the committee sending the Board of Selectmen letters directly speaking to this. He states that the lack of support is more than evident by the fact that they cut the funding to the teen center by \$20,000.00. *Meeting was interrupted by several teens believing the center was open and available to them. Director Delucia turned them away. Meeting continued...

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER: Chairman Merritt introduced Jerome Ochs from Cindy Lane as the newly sworn Youth Commission Alternate, whose term will expire 01/05/09. Jerome has been in town for over 15 years, has children, involved in sports and wants to contribute his knowledge to the commission.

MINUTES: Janice Stevenson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 21, 2008 and June 17, 2008. Motion seconded by Jane Kraver. Vote taken motion passes. Lisa Bergh and Kim Keough abstained.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Hilda Delucia presented her report, (see attached). Hilda discussed filming a Comcast show, the new program with Sportsplex, Claudia's project of community service involving the kids going to "A Stitch in Time" to knit hats for seamen coming to New York before shipping off, this is being done with the organization "Christmas at Sea". Many ideas were discussed involving the kids and community service projects. Jerome Ochs suggested a "clean up Bethel project" utilizing Public Works and trash removal. Janice Stevenson recommended "youth works", an organization that may assist the elderly with home repairs.

NEW BUSINESS: Chairman Merritt brought forward a new project in correlation with Comcast Television and having a TV show with Hilda as the host and Rich as the producer. Discussion regarding filming locations and content were discussed.

*Meeting again interrupted by several teens coming into the building looking to access the teen center. Director Delucia informed them the building is closed. Meeting continued...

Discussion was then focused on plans to host an end of summer picnic. It was decided a back to school September function would be more convenient. Hilda will look into renting Bennett Park.

Fundraising ideas were shared.

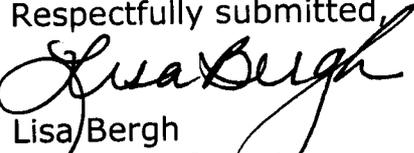
*Meeting interrupted a third time with more teens looking for access to the building. Director Delucia turned them away. This prompted discussion as to how desperately a building is needed as a haven for teens and supervised fun.

Janice Stevenson made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss ex-officio teen members and directors contract. Motion seconded by Jane Kraver. Executive session entered at 7:50 PM. Executive session ended at 8:27PM.

Janice Stevenson made a motion to adjourn, motion seconded by Jerome Ochs. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Next meeting scheduled for August 19, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Bergh
Recording Secretary

Prepared by: Hilda Maria DeLucia, Bethel Teen Center Director

- I. Meetings
 - a. Taping at Comcast with Daphne Clark Hudson

- II. Membership Update
 - 162 members
 - 3 7th graders
 - 64 8th graders
 - 41 Freshman
 - 26 Sophomore boy
 - 9 Juniors
 - 19 Seniors

- III. Program Attendance (see report)

- IV. Upcoming Events for discussion – nothing to report

- V. Fundraising – nothing to report

- VI. Donations – nothing to report

- VII. Employee Update – nothing to report

- VIII. “Friends of Pro Access” – nothing to report

**June 2008/July 2008
PRO ACCESS ACTIVITY REPORT**

| Activity | Target Audience | Date | Number attended | Comments |
|-------------------------|---|---------|-----------------|---|
| Giving Club | All Members | June 19 | 10 | Information session |
| Rock Band Show | All Members | June 20 | 125 | |
| Open Gym | High Schoolers | June 20 | 10 | |
| Girl Power Yoga Program | All Female Members | June 21 | 6 | |
| Scavenger Hunt | 7 th & 8 th Graders | June 23 | | |
| Movie Afternoon | 7 th and 8 th graders | June 24 | 12 | |
| Make Up Session | High Schoolers | May 25 | 0 | Cosmetologist never showed up from Dizzie Lizzies |
| Get Fit Get Healthy | All Members 3-5 | July 1 | 21 | 30 students have signed up for the "Get Fit Get Healthy" Sportsplex program |
| Manicures | 7 th and 8 th graders | July 2 | 4 | |
| Manicures | High Schoolers | July 2 | 0 | |
| Get Fit Get Healthy | All Members | July 3 | 18 | |
| Get Fit Get Healthy | All Members | July 8 | 16 | |
| BFFs | 7 th & 8 th Graders | July 9 | 9 | |
| Open Gym | 7 th & 8 th Graders | July 11 | 10 | |
| Total participants | | | 241 | |