

YOUTH COMMISSION

CJH MUNICIPAL CENTER

MEETING ROOM "B"

1 SCHOOL STREET

DECEMBER 16, 2008

6:45 PM

MINUTES

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**TOWN OF BETHEL
TOWN CLERK**

PRESENT: Chairman, Richard Merritt, Members: Janice Stevenson, Lisa Bergh, and Jane Kraver.

Absent: Kim Keough, Melisa Pelikan and Jerome Ochs.

Also Present: Hilda Delucia, Director and Claudia Fortunato, Assistant Director.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairman Merritt noted there was no correspondence. No public comment.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Janice Stevenson made a motion to accept the minutes of November 18, 2008, motion seconded by Lisa Bergh. Vote taken, motion passes. Jane Kraver abstained.

EX-OFFICIO REPORT: Lisa Bergh made a motion to move this item on the agenda to the end of the meeting in anticipation of Gregory Musumeci arriving late. Motion seconded by Janice Stevenson. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Pro-Access Director Hilda Delucia presented the directors report (see attached). Hilda discussed increased enrollment and all of the programs being offered to our teens. She informed the commission that she was approached by several teens looking to put on a wrestling event in the spring. Hilda researched it and found that her insurance will cover this type of event. They will hold a presale event for tickets and charge an admission fee of \$3.00 for advance tickets and \$5.00 at the door. This will be held tentatively in March in the municipal gym.

The Financial Management course will start January 14, and run for 4 weeks. Seven teens have signed up with a goal for signups to reach

15. The Comcast cable show is going extremely well with 8 shows already filmed. The show airs on Thursday evenings at 7:00PM.

Hilda read a thank you letter from Family and Childrens Aid.

In regards to the book drive, Hilda estimates that over 1,000 books have been collected.

Claudia reported that 15 crocheted scarves had been mailed for the "Christmas at Sea" program. The next project for the crocheting group is for the Special Olympics in Idaho.

Janice Stevenson stated that she had been in touch with Representative Jason Bartlett in regards to the \$150,000.00 appropriated and secured for the Teen Center from the State. Representative Bartlett made it clear that the Youth Commission does not need to feel pressured into making a decision in terms of a plan for the money. It was decided by the commission members that a letter be drafted to the Board of Selectmen asking them what is the role of the Youth Commission and the Director in deciding how the appropriation is spent. This letter is also to ask what the Board of Selectmen's plans are in regards to the current Teen Center building.

Hilda reported that Ryan, a senior from the High School is designing a website for Pro-Access. Hilda is also looking into opening a Facebook page for Pro-Access.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: A message was left for Dan Sieban in regards to involving the teen center members in the lacrosse program that is run by Mr. Sieban. The message was left for Dan to contact Hilda. Hilda to report back at next meeting.

EX-OFFICIO REPORT: Greg Musumeci was not present to deliver his report.

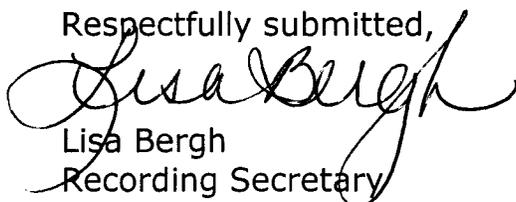
Next Meeting scheduled for January 20, 2009.

Motion to adjourn made by Lisa Bergh, seconded by Janice Stevenson.

Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Bergh
Recording Secretary

Prepared by: Hilda Maria DeLucia, Bethel Teen Center Director

I. Membership Update

Grade	Dec. # of members	Nov. # of members	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys
			December		November	
7	24	24	12	12	12	12
8	79	78	30	49	30	48
Freshman	42	40	10	32	10	30
Sophomore	32	31	12	20	11	20
Juniors	18	14	5	13	5	9
Seniors	23	21	11	12	10	11
Totals	218 5% increase	208	80	138	78	130

II. Program Attendance (see report)

III. Meetings:

a. Parks and Rec RE: Wrestling Event in the Spring

IV. Upcoming Events for discussion

a. Financial Management Course for High Schoolers – 7 signed up so far

b. Toastmasters for 10-12 graders

c. Comcast filming – Shows air every Thursday at 7PM

i. Nov. 20 – Musicians

ii. Dec. 4 – Football Captains

iii. Dec. 11- BMS Student Council and BHS students who studied abroad

iv. Dec. 18 – Emmaus and Immaculate HS Drama Program

v. Jan. 8 – BHS Cross Country and Volleyball Athletes

vi. Jan 15 – BHS TriM, Art and National Honor Society Students

vii. January 22 – Members of Pro Access and Claudia Fortunato

viii. January 29 – Amateur Pro Wrestlers

V. Fundraising – nothing to report

VI. Donations – nothing to report

VII. Employee Update – nothing to report

VIII. “Pro Access’ Giving Club

a. Book Drive

b. Habitat for Humanity

c. Christmas at Sea

IX. \$150,000 for building

XI. Website for Pro Access/Facebook

**November 18, 2008 – December 16, 2008
PRO ACCESS ACTIVITY REPORT**

Activity	Target Audience	Date	Number attended	Comments
High School Book Club	High School	Nov. 18	4	
Famous Pizza	All Members	Nov. 19	24	Discuss the Book Drive
Toastmasters Leadership	7 th – 9 th grade	Nov. 19	11	
Special Ed Program	High Schoolers	Nov. 20	8	
The Edge Performance	All Members	Nov. 20	11	
Bethel Healthcare Painting	All Members	Nov. 20	13	Decorating for the holidays
Comcast Filming	All Members	Nov. 21	6	
Open Gym	High Schoolers	Nov. 21	42	
Crocheting	All Members	Nov. 24	2	
Games and...	7 th & 8 th Graders	Nov. 25	7	
Toastmasters Leadership	7 th – 9 th grade	Nov. 25	7	
Crocheting	All Members	Dec. 1	2	
Games and...	7 th & 8 th Graders	Dec. 2	7	
\$5 Manicures	All Members	Dec. 3	16	
Toastmasters Leadership	7 th – 9 th grade	Dec. 3	6	Middle School concert same evening
Special Ed Program	High Schoolers	Dec. 4	7	
Open Gym	High Schoolers	Dec. 5	18	
Habitat for Humanity Project	Members 14 years and older	Dec. 6	6	
Book Collection	All Members	Dec. 8	8	
Filming at Comcast	All Members	Dec. 9	6	
Bingo @ Bethel Healthcare	All Members	Dec. 9	0	Cancelled due to stomach outbreak at Bethel Healthcare
Assist Social Services in setting up "Gift Room"	All Members	Dec. 10	3	
Toastmasters Leadership	7 th – 9 th grade	Dec. 10	9	
Special Ed Program	High Schoolers	Dec. 11	7	
Open Gym	7 th – 8 th Graders	Dec. 12	18 25	
Crocheting	All Members	Dec. 15	0	
Total participants served			248	