

YOUTH COMMISSION

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PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITY ROOM
1 SCHOOL STREET**

TOWN OF BETHEL
TOWN CLERK

March 24, 2009 @6:45PM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Members Chairman Richard Merritt, Kim Keough, Melisa Pelikan, Jane Kraver, Robert Korin, ex-officio teen member Greg Musemeci. Also present Hilda DeLucia Director and Claudia Fortunato Assistant Director.

ABSENT: Lisa Bergh (excused), Jerome Ochs.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Richard Merritt called the meeting to order at 6:53PM.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER: Robert Korin has been a Bethel Resident for over twenty years and has experience with the Boy Scouts Troop 71 for about fifteen years. Bob was introduced to the Commission and said he is excited to be a part of us.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: An invitation was sent to Richard and to Hilda by the Western Ct. Missionary Event Prayer Breakfast Organization. The event is scheduled for April 30th 7AM to 9AM at the Amber Room. Should Commission members want to attend, see Hilda to obtain tickets?

ACCEPTANCE OF THE February 17, 2009 MINUTES: Melisa made a motion to accept and Jane seconded it. All in favor. The motion passed with Bob abstaining.

DIRECTORS REPORT: SEE ATTACHED.

There is some difficulty is attracting current seventh grades. Discussion and strategies to solicit interests for programs that would interest them. Hilda to host a pizza and meeting with the current seventh grade members. Will ask a couple of teens willing to offer outcomes at our April meeting during public comment. Jane is willing to help Hilda.

Item III on the Directors report are Danielle Connelly and Linda Anderson whom are high school careers and internship counselors. Hilda will meet with Danielle and Linda to discuss a job bank opportunity. Hilda's vision is to have a program on interview skills, phone use, and appearances, etc. Teens with adult competition in present economy are struggling to compete. Bob and Melisa will assist Hilda in this endeavor. Discussion ensued.

Pro Access Bethel Teens Comcast show update is included in the Directors Report. We need for the Committee to help out the show by getting guests for the show.

Gary Gizowski set up a blog for Pro Access on Facebook to post local events.

Hilda spoke with Tim Grimes, a retired NYC PD, who does programs regarding FaceBook safety. Discussion ensued.

OLD BUSINESS: Lisa Bergh will speak to Dan Sieban concerning the Lacrosse clinic. The Curves program and Uniquely Me are doing well. Locks of Love are looking for a studio. Jane suggested Tara Parker. Famous Pizza will let us use the back room at will. We would use it about three or four times a month. We would leave our Wii there for their use and ours. "Pro" wrestling event is rescheduled. There is a new date for the Substance Abuse Program of April 6th 7-8:30PM at the BMS (Local Prevention Council).

Rich asked the Youth Committee members to update their home address, cell phone number, home phone number and e-mail address

NEW BUSINESS: A reminder that the Bethel Pansy Sale is on April 18th 10am to 4PM. Two shifts to be staffed by teens to help the Bethel Library. The Library also will sponsor a Rock Concert June 6th. Contact Loraine Go at Logo7@snet.net for more info.

The Library needs help on its July 4th Centennial program. Contact Debbie at Debith111@comcast.net.

Pro Access Bethel Teen Show has a live call in this Wednesday March 25th 8-9PM on Substance Abuse. Please call or show up and support the show.

A picnic at the Bennett was discussed and the thought was that last year there was poor participation and thus no picnic.

Mike Dunn, who is an Eagle Scout, is making a recycling bin for the Library of which the Teen Center can use it to recycle items.

Greg will check out and see if it is too late to put a message in the 2009 BHS yearbook.

Hilda mentioned that Janice Stevenson, Shani Burke-Specht and Rich Merritt informed the Commission about the budget hearing this Thursday. She stressed that we need representation from the Commission and parents. Our budget was cut 28% last year which was a larger cut then the other departments, boards and commissions. Another cut of this magnitude would likely impact the ability to provide programs. Rich asked Hilda to reach out to parent advocates to be present at the meeting and be an advocate by providing input in support of our programs.

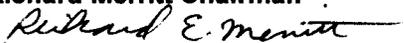
A review of the Charter as it pertains to The Commissions duties and responsibilities was discussed. Also, a discussion ensued to continue with the current seventh graders and to pilot feedback to the Focus program to fulfill need to identify needs. Re-address soliciting existence of current programs so that we may identify gaps in services.

Evaluation of potential need for larger youth representation on Commission will be deferred until after feedback programs of seventh graders.

Jane nominated Kim Keough as Vice-Chair of the Youth Commission and it was seconded by Rich. With no other nominations Kim Keough is the Vice-Chair by unanimous vote.

Next meeting is April 21st 2009
Meeting adjourned at 9:02PM

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Merritt Chairman



I. Membership Update

Grade	March # of members	Feb. # of members	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys
			March		February	
7	30	27	14	16	13	14
8	87	86	33	54	32	54
Freshman	46	43	10	36	10	33
Sophomore	40	39	14	26	14	25
Juniors	23	21	5	18	5	16
Seniors	28	28	15	13	15	13
Totals	254 (4% increase)	244	91	163	89	155

II. Program Attendance (see report)

III. Meetings:

a. Met with Danielle Connelly and Linda Anderson to discuss job bank idea.

IV. Events/Programs for discussion

Comcast filming

March 25 – Live show on Drug and Alcohol Prevention

March 26 – Science Fair w/ Mr. Longo and students

April 2 – BMS Talent Show participants

April 9 – Game Show

April 16 – BHS Wrestlers

April 23 – BMS 7th Graders with Mr. Flynn

V. Fundraising – nothing to report

VI. Donations – nothing to report

VII. Employee Update – nothing to report

VIII. Blog and Facebook

IX. Website Update

X. Public Hearing March 26, 2009

**February 18, 2008 – March 25, 2009
PRO ACCESS ACTIVITY REPORT**

	Activity	Target Audience	Date	Number attended	Comments
1	BFFs at Jacquelines	7 th & 8 th Graders	Feb. 18	0	
2	Games and...	High Schoolers	Feb. 19	6	
3	Open Gym	7 th & 8 th Graders	Feb. 20	28	
4	Knitting Club	All Members	Feb. 23	1	
5	Games and...	7 th & 8 th Graders	Feb. 24	6	
6	Famous Pizza	7 th & 8 th Graders	Feb. 25	7	
7	Games and...	High Schoolers	Feb. 26	6	
8	Open Gym	High Schoolers	Feb. 27	33	
9	Knitting	All Members	March 2	0	
10	Games and...	7 th & 8 th Graders	March 3	7	
11	Curves	All Members	March 3	8	
12	Comcast Filming	All Members	March 3	3	
13	\$5 Manicures	All Members	March 4	10	
14	Games and...	High Schoolers	March 5	6	
15	Open Gym	7 th & 8 th Graders	March 6	30	
16	Comcast Filming	All Members	March 10	8	
17	Games and...	7 th & 8 th Graders	March 10	8	
18	Curves	All Members	March 10	4	
19	\$5 Eyebrow Waxing	All Members	March 11	0	
20	Curves	All Members	March 12	4	
19	Open Gym	High Schoolers	March 13	43	
21	Uniquely Me!	7 th & 8 th Grade Girls	March 16	8	
22	Curves	All Members	March 17	7	
23	BFFs at Jacquelines	7 th & 8 th Graders	March 18	14	
24	Games and...	High Schoolers	March 19	6	
25	Curves	All Members	March 19	7	
26	Open Gym	7 th & 8 th Graders	March 20	27	
27	Uniquely Me!	7 th & 8 th Grade Girls	March 23	6	
Total participants served in Feb/March				293	Avg = 11 participants per program
In Jan/Feb there were 24 programs with 261 participants					Avg = 11 participants per program

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		CONTACT hildadelucia@sbcglobal.net for more information on any of these programs.			
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Saturday
<p>March 30</p> <p>Uniquely Me! Positive Image Program for 7th & 8th Grade girls ONLY! Pre-registration required. Sat Nam Studios 3-5PM! FREE</p>	<p>March 31</p> <p>Games and... 7th & 8th graders 3-5PM Municipal Ctr</p>	<p>1</p> <p>\$5 Manicures Classic Nails - 3-5PM</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Games and... High Schoolers 3-5PM</p> <p>Watch the "Bethel Teen" show on Channel 23 on Comcast at 7PM every Thurs.</p> <p>Watch Comcast Channel 23 at 7PM for the "Bethel Teen" show with guests from the BMS Talent Show!</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Open Gym High Schoolers 9-11PM</p>	4
<p>6</p> <p>Uniquely Me! See March 30</p> <p>Town Hall Meeting regarding Drug and Alcohol Prevention Bethel Middle School 7-8:30PM</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Spring Egg Hunt Along Greenwood Avenue. 7th & 8th Graders Meet at PT Barnum Square if not raining. If raining we will meet at the Municipal Center. 3-5PM</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Mandatory RELAY FOR LIFE meeting. Anyone interested in being a part of this year's team needs to attend this meeting. Famous Pizza 7th & 8th Graders Cost: \$5.00</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Famous Pizza High Schoolers 3-5PM Cost: \$5.00</p> <p>Watch Comcast Channel 23 at 7PM for the "Bethel Teen" Game Show!</p>	10	11
School Break					
<p>20</p> <p>Uniquely Me! See March 30</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Games and... Municipal Center 3-5PM</p>	<p>22</p> <p>BFFs at Jacquelines 7th & 8th Graders 3-5PM Cost \$5.00</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Games and... High Schoolers 3-5PM</p> <p>Watch Comcast Channel 23 at 7PM for the "Bethel Teen" show with guests from the BHS Wrestling Team</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Glow in the Dark Dodge Ball 7-9 Middle Schoolers</p> <p>Open Gym High Schoolers 9-11PM</p>	25
<p>27</p> <p>Uniquely Me! See March 30</p>	<p>28</p> <p>"Cookie Baking" St. Thomas' Episcopal Church Greenwood Ave. (across from Bethel Food) 3-5PM</p>	<p>29</p> <p>"Wii and games at Famous Pizza" All Members are invited Cost: \$5.00 3-5PM</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Games and... High Schoolers 3-5PM</p> <p>Watch Comcast Channel 23 at 7PM for the "Bethel Teen" show with guests from BMS Seventh Grade!</p>	<p>SPECIAL EVENTS: \$5 eyebrow wax at Aromazul Day Spa for Pro-Access Members. Call to make your appt 203-744-3700.</p>	