

YOUTH COMMISSION
CJH MUNICIPAL CENTER
PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITY ROOM
1 SCHOOL STREET

MAY 19, 2009

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TOWN OF BETHEL
TOWN CLERK

PRESENT:

Chairman, Richard Merritt, Members: Lisa Bergh, Kim Keough, Melisa Pelikan, Jane Kraver and Ex-Officio Teen Member, Greg Musumeci.

Absent: Bob Korin, and Jerome Ochs.

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Richard Merritt called the meeting to order at 6:51PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Greg Musemeci has found a possible replacement, however she is not currently an active member but according to Greg she will be willing to make a firm commitment to the Teen Center.

It was discussed and agreed this might be an advantage

Due to the unavailability of several members during the month of June, it was decided that the June meeting should be cancelled.

Melisa Pelikan made a motion to cancel the regular meeting scheduled for June 16th, 2009. Motion seconded by Jane Kraver. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Hilda reported receiving a thank you note from the Library for the assistance given by the Teen Center during the pansy sale.

ACCEPTANCE OF APRIL 21, 2009 MINUTES:

Kim Keough made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from April 21, 2009, motion was seconded by Melisa Pelikan. Vote taken, motion passes. Jane Kraver abstained.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Hilda DeLucia presented the Director's Report (see attached). Hilda was happy to report the membership is up 3% which includes 5 more 7th graders. Hilda held an informational meeting May 6th regarding the Teen Center and then on May 13th held a pizza meeting for the 7th graders at Famous Pizza. 2 new girls attended.

Hilda went on to explain the events she held; the glow in the dark dodge ball was a big success with 28 kids in attendance. The wrestling tournament, the Escape salon event, and the Sat Nam Yoga sleepover were all very successful.

The job bank program being put together by Bob Korin and Melisa Pelikan is in the planning stages; Union Savings Bank has offered their Board Room, final approval on that is expected soon. The plan is to hold this for two 2 ½ hour sessions at which the kids will be instructed on skills and interview techniques. Following the instruction they will be interviewed by Melisa and Bob. There will be scoring on how well they perform. The teens will then be given an official Pro-Access Journey to Work program certificate.

Discussion regarding resumes and the need for them took place. The cost for this program will be \$20.00; however Hilda explained that should they obtain a job they will be refunded their \$20.00. This will help foster a commitment.

Hilda obtained a mailing list of all the Chamber of Commerce members in Bethel, and will be informing them of this program.

Hilda and Claudia were commended by the members of the Youth Commission for all of their hard work and dedication which has led to a major increase in enrollment.

Ideas for the Comcast Teen Show were discussed. Ideas were shared and Hilda came away with some possibilities.

Hilda feels that the Student Advisory sub-committee is an excellent idea, and should include 2-3 members from each age group.

OLD BUSINESS:

Due to the large involvement of the teens in Relay for Life, Hilda reported having to create a second team. The running of the snack shop is under control.

5 people donated their hair for the Pantene Beautiful Hair program for cancer patients.

Rich again reported that the library is looking for assistance and referred to last months meeting minutes for a contact person. See link@**Debith111@comcast.net**

The Comast remote camera operational training will take place June 9th.

Hilda reported making a donation on behalf of Pro-Access Teen Center to the Post Prom committee in the amount of \$100.00

Lisa Bergh made a motion to approve the amount of \$100.00 from the teen center account to the Post Prom committee. Motion seconded by Jane Kraver. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

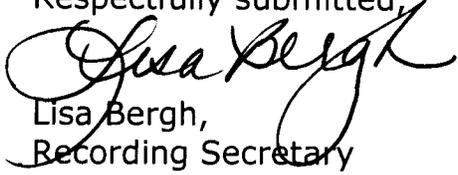
NEW BUSINESS:

The next meeting of June 16th will be cancelled. The meeting scheduled for July will be held on July 21, 2009.

Melisa Pelikan made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Kim Keough. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Bergh,
Recording Secretary

Prepared by: Hilda Maria DeLucia, Bethel Teen Center Director

I. Membership Update

Grade	May # of members	April # of members	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys
			May		April	
7	38	33	20	18	16	17
8	88	87	33	55	33	54
Freshman	47	46	11	36	10	36
Sophomore	40	40	14	26	14	26
Juniors	25	25	5	20	5	20
Seniors	28	28	15	13	15	13
Totals	266 3% increase	259	93	166	93	166

II. Program Attendance (see report)

III. Events/Programs for discussion

a. Five new events:

- i. Dodgeball Games...this Friday evening
- ii. Wrestling Tournament
- iii. Escape
- iv. Sleepover
- v. 6 week cooking program
- vi. Job Bank's "Journey To Work"

IV. Comcast

V. 7th Grade Membership

VI. Fundraising – nothing to report

VII. Donations – nothing to report

VIII. Employee Update – nothing to report

IX. Website Update – nothing to report

X. Student Advisory Group

April 20, 2009 – May 18, 2009

PRO ACCESS ACTIVITY REPORT

	Activity	Target Audience	Date	Number attended	Comments
1	Uniquely Me	7 th & 8 th Grade Girls	April 20	4	
2	Games and...	7 th & 8 th Graders	April 21	7	
3	BFFs	7 th & 8 th Graders	April 22	8	
4	Games and...	High Schoolers	April 23	4	
5	Glow in the Dark Dodgeball	7 th & 8 th Graders	April 24	28	
6	Open Gym	High Schoolers	April 24	12	
7	Wrestling Show	All Members + Public	April 25	78	
8	Uniquely Me	7 th & 8 th Grade Girls	April 27	3	
9	Cooking Demo/Class	All Members	April 28	13	
10	Famous Pizza	7 th & 8 th Graders	April 29	11	
11	Games and...	High Schoolers	April 30	1	
12	Open Gym	7 th & 8 th Graders	May 1	30	
13	Cooking Class	All Members	May 4	6	No highschoolers
14	Escape Cuts	All Members	May 5	7	
15	Games and...	High Schoolers	May 6	4	
16	Sleepover	7 th & 8 th Grade Girls	May 7	7	
17	Pantene Beautiful Hair	All Members	May 11	3	
18	Games and...	7 th & 8 th Grade Grils	May 12	13	
19	Famous Pizza	7 th Graders	May 13	7	
20	Games and...	High Schoolers	May 14	4	
21	Open Gym	7 th & 8 th Graders	May 15	7	
22	Cooking Class	All Members	May 18	7	
Total participants served in April/May				264	Avg. = 12 participants per program
In March/April there were 22 programs with 186 participants					Avg. = 9 participants per program