

YOUTH COMMISSION
CJH MUNICIPAL CENTER
PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITY ROOM
1 SCHOOL STREET
October 20, 2009
6:45 PM
MINUTES

PRESENT:

Chairman, Richard Merritt, Members: Lisa Bergh, Kim Keough, Bob Korin.

Absent: Melisa Pelikan, and Jane Kraver.

Also Present: Director, Hilda DeLucia

CALL TO ORDER:

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Richard Merritt made a motion to table the minutes from 08/18 and 09/22, motion was seconded by Lisa Bergh. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Hilda DeLucia presented the Director's Report (see attached). Hilda was happy to report the membership is up 10.3%. The total current enrollment is 330. The Middle School allowed Hilda to come and speak with the students. The turn out for the manicures was 32 and the Thursday night Manhunt brought out 170 members. Hilda mentioned receiving many calls from parents looking for more information regarding the Pro-Access Teen Center and the programs offered.

Hilda met with the Student Advisory Group, 12 kids attended. She mentioned it was not easy trying to recruit kids to come. They basically brainstormed, talking about doing a 24 hour lockdown event, Ice Skating at the Ice Arena in Danbury. Having free time seemed to be an issue with the kids, most are involved with after school activities leaving a narrow window of time mainly 7pm-9pm being the only time free.

It is Hilda's intention to meet again in December.

The Website is available, but has not officially been launched. The final cost is expected to be between \$300-\$400 dollars. It was discussed that it will be a valuable tool for both parents and kids.

It was noted that Hilda's insurance is going up in price, and funding is already tight.

Chairman Rich Merritt suggested Hilda start looking into preparing the budget for the next fiscal year.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Present at this evening's meeting was Jim Muthersbaugh for his wife Marie. Marie had been recommended to the Board of Selectmen and was not appointed.

Mr. Muthersbaugh explained the situation that led to the non-appointment of his wife and the difficult situation they are involved in. He stated that he feels his wife would be an asset to the Youth Commission.

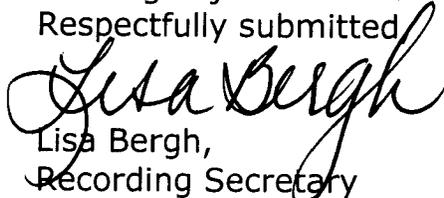
The present commission members agreed that this subject would be discussed at the next meeting and Executive Session would be anticipated.

A special meeting will be held on November 10, 2009.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Bergh". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lisa Bergh,
Recording Secretary

September 22, 2009 - October 19, 2009

PRO ACCESS ACTIVITY REPORT

	Activity	Target Audience	Date	Number attended	Comments
1	\$5 Highlights	All members	Sept. 22	6	
2	Famous	All members	Sept. 24		Cancelled staff unavailable
3	Scavenger Hunt	All members	Sept. 28	4	No school that day
4	Family Day	All members	Sept. 28	79	20 families
5	Comcast Training	All members	Sept. 30	6	
6	Games and	7 th & 8 th graders	Oct. 5	0	
7	Games and...	High schoolers	Oct. 6	7	
8	\$5 Manicures	All members	Oct. 7	32	
9	Comcast Training	All members	Oct. 7	9	
10	Games and...	High Schoolers	Oct. 8	15	Combination
11	Manhunt	All members	Oct. 8	170	
12	Dodgeball	7 th & 8 th graders	Oct. 13		Cancelled staff unavailable
13	Comcast Training	All members	Oct. 14	8	
14	Games and...	High Schoolers	Oct. 15		Cancelled staff unavailable
15	Famous Pizza meeting for Treat Street	All members	Oct. 23	13	
16	Student Advisory Meeting	All members by invitation	Oct. 19	13	
Total participants served in September/October				356	Avg. = 22 participants per program
In Aug/Sept. there were 18 programs with 195 participants					Avg. = 12 participants per program
In Sept/Oct. 2008, 269 participants were served with 22 programs for an average of 12 participants per program.					

Prepared by: Hilda Maria DeLucia, Bethel Teen Center Director

I. Membership Update:

Grade	October '09 membership	September '09 membership	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Oct. '08 membership
			October		September		
7	40	21	21	19	12	9	20
8	59	50	34	25	28	22	73
Freshman	95	93	36	59	36	57	40
Sophomore	50	50	13	37	13	37	30
Juniors	51	50	19	32	19	31	12
Seniors	35	35	10	25	10	25	21
Totals	330 10.3% increase	299	133	197	118	181	196

II. Program Attendance (see report)

III. Student Advisory Group

IV. Events/Programs for discussion

- a. Raffle Update
- b. "Getting Organized" program
- c. Treat Streets
- d. Cascades
- e. Souper Soup Day

V. Website Update