

YOUTH COMMISSION
CJH MUNICIPAL CENTER
PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITY ROOM
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PRESENT:

Chairman, Richard Merritt, Members: Bob Korin, Lisa Bergh, Kate Shea, Jane Kraver, Kristin Nauheimer and Jacquie Mancher, ex-officio teen member.

Absent: Devin Pedone

Also Present: Claudia Fortunato, Assistant Director.

Chairman Rich Merritt called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from WFSB television station with codes for the notification of cancellations due to weather, and a returned mailing for non forwarding address.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Merritt tabled the approval of October 19, 2010 minutes due to lack of members present with the ability to vote.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Claudia Fortunato presented the Director's Report (see attached) in Hilda's absence due to illness. Claudia reported how successful Lake Compounce was for the kids with 51 members in attendance. The Student Advisory Committee met and decided not to hold any activities in the month of December. They were in favor of attending a Danbury Whalers game in January or February with ice-skating. Open Gym begins the first Friday in December from 9-11pm. Claudia reported that the cost for the bus for the "lockout" event was covered by grant money.

Chairman Merritt inquired as to whether or not Pro-Access Teens would be holding the prom raffle this year. He also noted that he would

be posting events on Comcast Channel 23.

OLD BUSINESS: Vice Chairman Bob Korin reported on his attendance at the Board of Selectmen's meeting held on November 2, 2010. He stated that there were 5-6 seniors in attendance along with Kathy Oles, Senior Center Director. A few of the Seniors spoke during the "public comment" portion of the meeting stating that the Seniors require their own space and more of it and commented that Seniors and teens together are not a good mix. Kathy Oles complimented the teens on how well they treated the Senior Center card room during the Toastmasters program. The overall message relayed to the Board of Selectmen during this meeting by the Senior Center was that they require more space and want a commitment from the Board of Selectmen that the temporary use of the vacated VNA space would indeed be temporary. Bob Korin spoke on behalf of the teens.

Bob Korin made a motion, which was seconded by Kate Shea to construct a letter of thanks to the Board of Selectmen for the temporary use of the VNA space. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes. Kristin Nauheimer and Kate Shea will work on drafting the letter.

NEW BUSINESS: The Boys and Girls club representatives could not be in attendance at this evenings meeting. The Youth Commission will hold a special meeting on December 9th, 2010 in the Town Clerk's office for the purpose of speaking with the representatives and to hear the Directors Report. Chairman Merritt also noted that the regularly scheduled meeting of December 21, 2010 will be canceled.

Jane Kraver brought up the subject of care packages/welcome home banners for the veterans overseas on deployment. She expressed her frustration in not being able to obtain a list of currently enlisted Bethel residents. Jane to contact Lisa Bergh on Monday, November 22, 2010 to obtain the few names of those who applied for an absentee ballot this past election.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jane Kraver motion was seconded by Kate Shea. Vote taken, motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Bergh,
Recording Secretary

Teen Center Director Report

November 16, 2010

Prepared by: Hilda Maria DeLucia, Bethel Teen Center Director

I. Membership Update:

Grade	Nov. '10 membership	Girls	Boys	Oct. '10 membership	Girls	Boys	Nov. 09 membership	
7	23	19	4	17	15	2	42	
8	64	37	27	57	31	26	60	
Freshman	77	41	36	75	41	35	96	
Sophomore	111	37	74	108	37	71	50	
Juniors	54	15	39	53	14	39	51	
Seniors	66	20	46	65	20	45	35	
Totals	395	169	226	375	158	218	334	
TOTAL COMPARISON		5.3% increase from last month					18.2% increase from Nov. '09	

II. Program Attendance (see report below)

III. Programs for discussion

1. Toastmasters – great enrollment with lots of new kids!
2. Lake Compounce – very successful! Trips seem to be a big deal for the kids.
3. Lockout – used grant money to cover the cost of the bus – very successful program!
4. December activities will be local (to keep costs down)

IV. VNA Space/Building – volunteers are working on it under the direction of Rich Straiton

V. Boys and Girls Club – dates to be discussed at this meeting

October 20, 2010 – November 15, 2010
PRO ACCESS ACTIVITY REPORT

	Activity	Date	Attendees	Comments
1	Finance program for teens	10/20/10	9	
2	Lake Compounce	10/22/10	51	Plus 6 chaperones
3	BFFs at Jacquelines	10/27/10	4	
4	Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program	11/1/10	14	18 signed up
5	\$5 Manicures	11/3/10	7	
6	Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program	11/8/10	13	
7	Cookie Club	11/9/10	5	
8	Student Advisory Meeting	11/10/10	13	
9	Lockout	11/11/10	45	Plus 6 chaperones
10	Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program	11/15/10	14	
Total Participants served in Oct./Nov. 2010			175	Avg of 17 participants per program
During this same period (mid Oct. – mid Nov) of 2009 116 participants were served with 14 programs for an average of 8 participants per program.				