

YOUTH COMMISSION
CJH MUNICIPAL CENTER
MEETING ROOM "B"
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PRESENT:

Chairman, Richard Merritt, Members: Lisa Bergh, Kristin Nauheimer, Devin Pedone, Jane Kraver, Bob Korin and Kate Shea
Also Present: Hilda Delucia, Pro-Access Teen Center Director, and Claudia Fortunato, Assistant Director.

Chairman Rich Merritt called the meeting to order at 6:46 PM.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman Merritt mentioned having been invited to the "Prayer Breakfast". Hilda has also been invited. This is being held in April at the Amber Room in Danbury.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jane Kraver made a motion to amend the minutes of February 22 to add Jacquie Mancher as being present, and Devin Pedone as being absent with notice. Motion was seconded by Kristin Nauheimer. Vote taken, motion was passed. Lisa Bergh and Devin Pedone abstained. Jane Kraver made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Motion was seconded by Kate Shea. Vote taken, motion passed. Lisa Bergh and Devin Pedone abstained. Motion to accept tabled minutes of October 19, 2010 made by Devin Pedone, motion was seconded by Kristin Nauheimer. Vote taken, motion passed. Jane Kraver, Bob Korin and Kate Shea abstained.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Hilda Delucia presented the Directors Report (see attached). Hilda reported an additional 6 new members were added. Discussion took place regarding e-mail reminders to increase participation. Patch was recommended as a source of exposure. Kristin suggested having an e-mail verification sheet at the next event, having the kids check off if the e-mail address is correct or to make changes if needed.

Marty Lawlor, Town Counsel suggested having the minutes reflect the approval of the Youth Commission by vote to support the giving club. Lisa Bergh made a motion to approve moving forward with the idea of a giving club for students/members to perform voluntary work throughout Bethel. Motion was seconded by Bob Korin. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Banners for the soldiers was discussed, Bob Korin suggested that in order for soldiers deployed and returning home not being left out due to lack of notification to the Youth Commission, that when a banner is placed to welcome one home, it also states "If you know of any military member that is returning home to Bethel, please call 203-790-9040" There is difficulty in obtaining lists of names due to many reasons, one of them being confidentiality.

Chairman Merritt explained that an anonymous donor had donated the foose ball table and would also like to know what else we need for the teens. Hilda will write out a wish list for him.

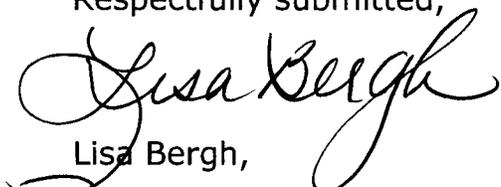
The Chamber of Commerce is hosting a "Build Your Own Flower" event for Bethel Blooms scheduled for April 16th, it was decided that it would be a good venue for the teens to volunteer, however due to limited work space; participation in preparing a flower would not be possible this year.

Bob Korin attended a meeting at the high school about the possibility of a community pool. The next meeting will be April 12th at 8:00 AM. The Youth Commission suggested selling the Nautilus Equipment due to space limitations and using the proceeds to help furnish the new Teen Center.

There was discussion regarding the Ex-Officio Teen Member. The Youth Commission will be interviewing candidates at the next meeting, on April 19.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jane Kraver; the motion was seconded by Kristin Nauheimer. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.
Respectfully submitted,


Lisa Bergh,
RECORDING
SECRETARY

I. Membership Update:

Grade	March 11 Membership	Girls	Boys	Feb 11 Membership	Girls	Boys	March '10 membership	
7	25	21	4	25	21	4	48	
8	64	37	27	64	37	27	69	
Freshman	80	41	39	79	41	38	105	
Sophomore	113	36	77	112	36	76	51	
Juniors	57	15	42	55	15	40	62	
Seniors	70	20	50	68	20	48	41	
Totals	409	170	239	403	170	233	376	
TOTAL COMPARISON		1.4% increase from last month					9% increase from March '10	

II. Program Update and Attendance (see report below)

- a. "Giving Club"
- b. Dave & Busters/Chucky Cheese
- c. Lock-In
- d. Friends Photo Shoot
- e. New Location for Manicures
- f. Self Defense Class
- g. Zumba Class

III. Email vs. Mailing of calendars

IV. Banner for Soldiers

V. Chamber of Commerce Membership

VI. Fundraising Ideas

VII. Teen Center Space/Building

February 22, 2011 - March 14, 2011

PRO ACCESS ACTIVITY REPORT

	Activity	Date	Attendees	Comments
1	Famous Pizza	February 23	13	
2	Open Gym	February 25	39	
3	\$5 Manicures	March 2	5	
4	Student Advisory	March 3	13	
5	\$Manicures for Military Ball	March 4	16	
6	Open Gym	March 4	26	
7	Famous Pizza	March 9	0	
8	\$5 Manicures for Ring Dance	March 10	6	
9	Open Gym	March 11	23	
Total Participants served in Feb. 2011/March 2011			141	Avg. of 16 participants per program
During this same period, mid Feb. 2010 to mid March 2010, 205 participants were served with 12 programs for an average of 17 participants per program. (average open gym attendance was 42 compared to an average of 29 in attendance same period this year. We conducted a Sportsplex program last year twice a week. We did not offer that program this year.)				