

Youth Commission Meeting – April 8, 2014

Called to order at 6:43

Attendance - In attendance were Kristin Nauheimer, Rich Merritt, Rob DeLetis, Kate Shea, Olivia Wooton, Claudia Fortunado and Hilda DeLucia.

Correspondence – Hilda reported that the only correspondence was a thank you note from the Franelli Family for a Donation to American Heart Association.

Minutes - Rich Merritt made a motion to accept the March 11 minutes. Kate Shea seconded this motion. The members voted, and the minutes were accepted.

Directors Report (Please see Attachment)

Hilda reported that the computer crashed, so the exact membership numbers are currently unavailable.

Program attendance – The numbers are low. Two scheduled trips to Skyzone have been cancelled due to lack of interest.

Open gym average is 13 students, which is down from past years. Hilda put a survey together for the kids who participate in open gym. She is trying to figure out if the kids would want a league, more structure, to continue through summer, etc. Essentially the kids are happy with the way open gym is run currently.

Hilda mentioned starting a twitter account with a student to get the word out on open gym, but unsure if it will progress.

Rob gave the idea of the Teen Center hosting a March Madness type of event, or a fantasy football/ baseball team to draw students. Due to the sport calendar, it would have to begin with Football. Hilda mentioned ordering wings for the draft night. There was discussion about prizes, and logistics.

There was discussion about our low membership, and Rob asked if it was connected to our membership fee. Hilda explained that she is always offering scholarships and making an effort to make it financially easier on families.

Olivia mentioned that a lot of kids her age are trying to become more financially independent from their parents and are paying for Pro Access activities themselves. This could explain the lack of participants in some activities.

The Youth Commission also discussed lowering the membership fee for Pro Access. This idea will be discussed at the July meeting after Hilda analyzes the membership rates for this year.

Regarding the Kids Marathon, Hilda expressed concern about the make up of the teams. She will try and make an appointment with the person organizing the Danbury Kids Marathon to see how theirs is organized. Another option is for Hilda and Claudia to lead the teams, and for it to be based out of the Teen Center.

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Hilda has a new volunteer who is a retired teacher and interested in working with kids. She came last week and will be back this coming week. Hilda and Claudia are very happy with her. She also teaches guitar and can offer homework help.

Hilda and Claudia have teamed up with the Park and Rec camp for 3 weeks this summer.

Three kids met Hilda and Claudia at the Creamery today.

The Clothes Closet is now accepting donations for "Retire your Attire/Shop for Tanks and Don't Break the Bank".

During the last Student Advisory group they baked cookies for the Fritch Family who lost their son.

Hilda was approached by someone who does cooking classes for young adults. Hilda and she are thinking about putting together a cooking program for the teens.

Due to the computer crash, finances for this month are unavailable. March and April financial statements, as well as the financial information for all of 2013 will be available for the next Youth Commission meeting.

The theme for this year's Relay for Life is Reunion, because it is the 20 year anniversary of Relay for Life. Hilda mentioned adults chaperoning this event in shifts, rather than for the entire 20 hours.

January financial information was miscalculated, and has been rectified. We ended January in the positive.

There was discussion regarding our teens doing activities with the Senior Center. Hilda was speak with the director. Hilda will also contact John Frebairn regarding fundraising opportunities.

Rich asked what our relationship is like with the Youth Librarian. Hilda mentioned that we have a great relationship with her, and have done events together in the past.

Hilda is anticipating a carwash on May 31 to be held outside of the municipal center. We are awaiting approval.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13.

The prison program trip is scheduled for August 13. Permission slips need to be in to the coordinator by the middle of July.

The teen center will be participating in Bens Bells, to promote kindness. They will send Hilda the materials, and she will host a day of painting to help make the bells.

Kate Shea made the motion to adjourn, Rob DeLetis seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:58.

ABBREVIATED DIRECTOR'S REPORT

April 2014

NOTE: Computer crashed with all the figures and the Director's Report on it. I've recreated the report with the information available to me at this time.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP: 111 (tentative)

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE:

	Program	Date	Attendance	Comments
1.	Pro Access – Wed.	March 12	5	
2.	Pro Access – Thurs.	March 13	9	
3.	Friday Night at Pro Access	March 14	4	
4.	Open Gym	March 14	17	
	Skyzone	March 14		Cancelled and rescheduled to March 28
5.	St. Patty's Party	March 17	4	14 attended in 2012, and 13 in 2013
6.	Famous Pizza	March 18	7	
7.	Pro Access – Wed.	March 19	9	
8.	Student Advisory	March 19	11	
9.	Pro Access – Thurs.	March 20	7	
10.	Friday Night at Pro Access	March 21	8	
11.	Open Gym	March 21	23	
12.	Pro Access – Wed.	March 26	8	
13.	Pro Access – Thurs.	March 27	5	
14.	Friday Night at Pro Access	March 28	4	
15.	Open Gym	March 28	12	
	Skyzone	March 28		Cancelled (2 paid)
16.	Pro Access – Wed.	April 2	6	
17.	Student Advisory	April 2	5	
18.	Pro Access – Thurs.	April 3	7	
19.	Friday Night at Pro Access	April 4	6	
20.	Open Gym	April 4	12	This month's average for Open Gym is 16. 2013 it was 27. 2012 it was 17.
TOTALS:			169	Avg. 8 members/program
At this time last year we provided 19 programs serving a total of 206 members for an average of 11 participants per program.				

DISCUSSIONS:

Relay for Life Starting up on April 21 st	Creamery – we didn't hire a bus but met members there.
Putting Famous Pizza back on the calendar	Retire your attire/shop for tanks and don't break the bank
Essay Writing Program	Cookies for the Fritch
Kids Marathon	Cooking Program
Guitar Lesson/Homework Help with Volunteer	Computer crashed
2014 Park and Rec Summer Camp	

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