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PRO-ACCESS TEEN CENTER
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SPECIAL MEETING
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TOWN OF BETHEL
TOWN CLERK

PRESENT:

Chairman, Richard Merritt, Members: Lisa Bergh, Kristin Nauheimer, Kate Shea, Nicole Struth, Jane Kraver.

Also present: Hilda Delucia, Director Pro-Access Teen Center, and Assistant Director Claudia Fortunato, and Ex-Officio member Chris Phelps.

Absent: Bob Korin, and Student Advisory member Brooke Ferraro.

Chairman Rich Merritt called the meeting to order at 6:48 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Chairman Merritt informed the commission that State Senator Michael McLachlan would be making an appearance at the Pro-Access Teen Center on May 17, 2012, to present a flag and citation for the anniversary of the center's opening.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Kate Shea made a motion to accept the minutes of March 19, 2012. Motion was seconded by Kristen Nauheimer.

Discussion:

Hilda noted there needed correction to the minutes, It was incorrectly stated that the fund raiser "Mr. Marotta for the Day" was the all time highest netting fundraiser, this in fact was not the case.

Hilda also noted that the minutes incorrectly state that the tutoring is for expelled students only, when the fact is tutoring is also for students that need one to one tutoring to excel academically.

Lisa made a motion to amend the minutes to reflect the changes; the motion was seconded by Jane Kraver. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Lisa made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Motion was seconded by Kate Shea. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Hilda presented the Directors Report (see attached).

Hilda informed the Commission that enrollment has increased. The table at the Middle School on Fridays has been helpful. It was decided that being there once a month is a good idea.

Hilda noted that the Relay for Life Team is moving forward and becoming organized.

June or July would be a good time to attend a Westerners Game. Jane Kraver suggested contacting Matt Barnes, a 2008 Bethel High Graduate that is currently pitching for the Boston Red Sox Minor League to come and possibly talk with the kids. She will look into it, as of right now he is not at home.

The Firecracker Road Race held on the 4th of July in downtown Bethel will be accepting signups for the walk which will take place at the same time as the road race. A portion of the proceeds for the walker signups will be given to Pro-Access Teens.

Balloon-A-Grad, a fundraiser was discussed through which people may purchase a balloon bouquet to be delivered to a mailbox, or front door the night before Graduation for a graduate. The bouquet will consist of 1 Mylar and 2 latex balloons and a laminated message. The suggested price for the bouquets will be \$15.00.

Discussion took place regarding Senator McLachlan's visit. It was decided that if at all possible for the Senator to come in June rather than May, it would work out better for all concerned. June 15 was decided upon, of course if that date works for the Senator. Kate Shea will follow up and contact Senator McLachlan's office to reschedule.

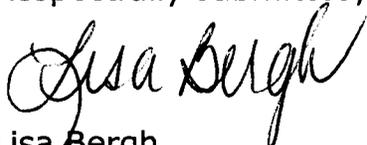
Discussion took place regarding the Ex-Officio Member, and length of term. This item will be discussed further at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Chairman Merritt noted that the next meeting will be held on Monday, May 21, 2012

ADJOURN:

Kate Shea made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Kristen Nauheimer. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.
Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Bergh". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Lisa Bergh,
Recording Secretary

March 21, 2012 – April 13, 2012
PRO ACCESS ACTIVITY REPORT

| | Activity | Date | Attendees | Comments |
|--|--------------------------|----------|-----------|--|
| 1 | Girls Program | March 21 | 5 | |
| 2 | Pro Access – Thurs. | March 22 | 8 | |
| | Ring Dinner After Party | March 23 | | Cancelled due to lack of interest |
| 3 | Art Class | March 28 | 4 | |
| 4 | Pro Access – Wed. | March 28 | 4 | |
| 5 | Pro Access – Thurs. | March 29 | 14 | Early dismissal opened from 12:30 to 6PM |
| 6 | Pro Access – Fri. Night | March 30 | 7 | |
| 7 | Open Gym | March 30 | 16 | |
| 8 | Relay for Life Meeting | April 3 | 9 | |
| | Art Class | April 4 | 4 | |
| 9 | ProAccess – Wed. | April 4 | 3 | |
| 10 | Pro Access – Thurs. | April 5 | 11 | |
| 11 | Student Advisory Meeting | April 10 | 11 | 5-BMS, 6-BHS |
| 12 | Art Class | April 11 | 4 | |
| 13 | Pro Access – Wed. | April 11 | 9 | Early dismissal opened from 12:30 to 6PM |
| 14 | Pro Access – Thurs. | April 12 | 13 | Early dismissal opened from 12:30 to 6PM |
| 15 | Spring Break Party | April 13 | 15 | |
| 16 | Open Gym | April 13 | 19 | |
| Total Participants served in March 2012/April 2012 | | | 156 | Avg. of 10 participants per program |
| During this same period, mid-March, 2011 to mid-April 2011, 172 participants were served with 13 programs for an average of 13 participants per program. | | | | |

Pro Access Usage by other groups:

| Month | Program | Adults | Students |
|--|---------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| March 21 – April 11 Wednesdays from 10 – 12:15 | Transition Students | 3 adults 3 times 6 adults 1 time | 3 students 4 times |
| March 20 to April 13 Daily 10 to 2 | Tutoring | Used 18 days | Average of 2 students per day |

Membership Update: Paid Renewals and New Memberships since July 2011

| Grade | New Paid Members | Renewal Members | Total | Last month |
|-----------|------------------|-----------------|-------|------------|
| 7 | 28 | 8 | 36 | 29 |
| 8 | 15 | 14 | 29 | 27 |
| Freshman | 3 | 11 | 14 | 11 |
| Sophomore | 1 | 14 | 15 | 13 |
| Juniors | 4 | 39 | 43 | 41 |
| Seniors | 2 | 10 | 12 | 10 |
| Total | 41 | 85 | 149 | 131 |

II. Program Update and Attendance (see report below)

III. Program Discussion

- a. Westerners
- b. Middle School Friday Visits
- c. Chamber of Commerce Journey to Work

IV. Fundraisers

- a. Firecracker Road Race
- b. Balloon-A-Grad

V. Old News

- a. Friends of Pro Access

VI. Relay for Life – June 9