

YOUTH COMMISSION
CJH MUNICIPAL CENTER
PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITY ROOM
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SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES

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PRESENT:

Chairman, Richard Merritt, Members: Lisa Bergh, Kate Shea, Jane Kraver and Devin Pedone, and Kristin Nauheimer. Absent with notice: Bob Korin.

Also Present: Hilda Delucia, Pro-Access Teen Center Director, Claudia Fortunato, Assistant Director and Jacquie Mancher, ex-officio teen member.

Chairman Rich Merritt called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM with the pledge of allegiance.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jane Kraver made a motion to approve the minutes of August 17, 2010. Motion was seconded by Devin Pedone. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Hilda Delucia presented the Directors Report (see attached). There has been a 2% increase in enrollment for September. A 22% increase over last year at the same time. There are more boys enrolled than girls.

The whale watching trip was cancelled due to weather. Discussion focused on possible field trips and events. Among the possibilities is a trip to New York City, the haunted graveyard at Lake Compounce, and Rich suggested a Danbury Whalers Hockey game.

September 27, 2010 Hilda will be hosting "Family Day" at Famous Pizza. This was a resounding success last year. The Financial Literacy

Program will be held on October 20 from 7pm-9pm for kids and their parents.

Toastmasters will be led by Pat Kelly this year.

Hilda made the point that it seems that Friday evenings is the best day and time to reach out to kids to increase possible enrollment.

At this point Hilda and Claudia host an event every other Friday. With the limited resources and lack of help it is almost impossible to host every Friday evening. Lisa made a point that if the Teen Center budget that was cut a few years ago were to be reinstated hosting every Friday would be a reality.

Hilda brought to the attention of the committee that she has spoken to the First Selectman regarding the Teen Center home, and has received the same response, that it is being looked into. She was promised an answer by the end of summer. Hilda expressed her frustration with this process and a discussion ensued regarding what can be done to facilitate a home for the teens.

It was mutually decided that a support network should be put in place. Ideas were discussed.

Hilda reported that the Scotty Fund picnic had lower participation than in years past.

Hilda will be contacting Lt. Mark Dwinells of the ROTC for a list of military enlisted overseas. The teens may be looking into adopting a soldier and or his unit from Bethel.

Jacque Mancher presented her ex-officio report by stating that with a home, the teens will have a sense of belonging and will be more apt to give back to the community. It will make them feel valued.

A special meeting will be held on September 23, 2010, with the next regular meeting to follow on October 19, 2010.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kate Shea. The motion was seconded by Devin Pedone. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Lisa Bergh,
Recording Secretary

I. Membership Update:

Grade	Sept. '10 membership	Girls	Boys	Aug. 10 membership	Girls	Boys	Sept. '09 # of members
7	8	8		4	4		21
8	56	30	26	55	29	26	50
Freshman	76	42	35	77	42	35	93
Sophomore	108	37	71	108	37	71	50
Juniors	53	14	39	51	13	38	50
Seniors	65	20	45	64	19	45	35
Totals	366	151	216	359	144	215	299
TOTAL COMPARISON		2% increase from last month					22% increase from Sept. '09

II. Program Attendance (see report below)

III. Programs for discussion

1. Family Day 9/27/10
2. Financial Literacy Program
3. Toastmasters
4. Friday Nights
5. Zumba/Yoga studio

IV. Building

August 1 - Sept. 13, 2010

PRO ACCESS ACTIVITY REPORT

	Activity	Date	Attendees	Comments
1	Mini Golfing	8/23	8 signed up and paid	Cancelled due to weather
2	Lake Compounce	8/24	17 signed up and paid	Cancelled due to weather
3	Movie Night	8/25	15	
4	Whale Watching	8/26	19 signed up and paid	Cancelled due to weather
5	Manhunt	8/27	37	
6	Manicures	9/8	5	
7	Scavenger Hunt	9/9	3	
8	Glow in the Dark Manhunt	9/10	50 showed up	Cancelled due to Scotty Fund set-up on lawn

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CONTACT hildadelucia@sbcbglobal.net for more information on any of these programs.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5	6 LABOR DAY!	7	8 \$5 Manicures Classic Nails 3-5PM. You must arrive by 4:30. Cost \$5.00	9 Scavenger Hunt 7 th & 8 th Graders VS. High Schoolers 12 - 2PM	10 "Glow in the Dark" Manhunt 9-11PM Meet outside the Municipal Center	11 Scotty Fund Picnic 11-5PM Volunteers needed for Pro Access game table for little kids. Help us raise money for this great cause. Contact Hilda if you're interested in volunteering for Pro Access's table.
Support Bethel Printing! They support our programs by printing of our calendars each month for PERE! This gives us more money to do fun things! Support them so we can continue to support our Bethel Teens. They are located at 81 Greenwood Ave. Their number is 203-748-7034.	14 Famous Pizza 3-5PM Cost \$5	15 BFFs at Jacqueline's (Burgers, Fries & Friends) - 3-5 PM Cost \$5.00 or free if you bring a new member)	16 Bethel Middle School Open House	17 "Capture the Flag" 6-9PM Meet outside the Municipal Center	18	25 The Chamber of Commerce, Historical Society and the Library have lots of activities planned for this weekend. Volunteer are needed for face painting and selling mums at the library. Email Debbie from the library to sign up. The shifts are 9:45 to 12:15 and 12:15 to 3:15. Debbie's email is debihi111@comcast.net
26	21 Student Advisory Group Meeting 7-9 PM Famous Pizza	22 Famous Pizza 3-5PM Cost \$5	23	24 "Capture the Flag" 6-9PM Meet outside the Municipal Center	30	Don't forget: \$5 eyebrow waxing at Aromazul Day Spa for Pro-Access Members all month! If you are under 18 you must have a parent permission slip. Email Hilda prior to going for your appointment for the parent permission slip. To make an appointment call Aromazul at 203-744-3700
<p>Monday, Sept. 27</p> <p>Family Day - is a national movement to remind families of the importance of family dinners. Come have dinner at Famous Pizza with us. Seating times are 5-6PM, 6-7PM, 7-8PM Raffles, prizes and games! Famous will donate a percentage of the evening's proceeds to Pro Access. Email Hilda to RSVP! Raffle prizes provided through the support of the Bethel Community Care Coalition. Dinner Makes A Difference!</p>						

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