



YOUTH COMMISSION

PRO-ACCESS TEEN CENTER

1 SCHOOL STREET

October 10, 2023

7:00 PM

REGULAR MEETING

TOWN CLERK
BETHEL, CT.

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RECEIVED

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Members: Tom Borysiewicz, Joan Hislop, Meghan O'Connor, Marie Muthersbaugh, and Jennifer Lewis

Also present: Claudia Fortunato, Director, and Recording Secretary, Kristin Nauheimer

Excused: Tracie Osimanti

Vice-Chairperson Tom Borysiewicz called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meghan O'Connor made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular meeting on **September 12, 2023**. Marie Muthersbaugh seconded the motion. Vote, all in favor, unanimously passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

DIRECTORS REPORT: *See the attached Director's Report that Claudia presented.*

Claudia reported on Teen Center activities that were held since the last Youth Commission meeting, upcoming planned programs, and possible future programs.

Claudia reported that there were 3 new members who joined the Teen Center who were interested in attending Open Gym which was great! Open Gym has been extremely successful but most of the teens who do Open Gym do not come to additional Teen Center activities or events.

The Teen Center will continue to participate in the Relay for Life Community Event. This year the Relay for Life event will be held on May 4th at the Danbury Fair Mall to try to boost participation and interest for the surrounding towns.

Claudia is working to begin participating in *Odyssey of the Mind*, which is a student-run inquiry-based competition. Currently there are four members who are interested in starting this group. Claudia is excited to report the Team's progress each month.

FINANCIAL REPORT: *See the attached Financial Report that Claudia reported since the previous Youth Commission meeting.*

ADJOURN: The next regular Youth Commission meeting is scheduled to be held **virtually** on **November 14, 2023 at 7pm.** Joining information will be sent out with the monthly agenda.

Marie Muthersbaugh made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Jennifer Lewis. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Borysiewicz
Youth Commission Vice-Chair

and

Kristin Nauheimer
Recording Secretary

Teen Center Director Report on Programming

Date of Report:	September12-October10 ,2023	Prepared by:	Claudia Fortunato, Teen Center Director
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1. Membership Update:

Grade	New Paid Members	Renewal Members
7	2	
8		
9		
10	1	
11		
12		
Total:	3	

2. Activity Report and Program Attendance:

Day	Activity	Date	Number attended	Comments/Notes
Wednesday	Games	9-13	2	
Thursday	Baking	9-14	3	Granola Bars
Friday	Pizza and games	9-15	5	
Monday	DnD	9-18	3	
Wednesday	Games	9-20	1	
Thursday	Baking	9-21	2	Sugar cookies
Friday	Pizza and games	9-22	7	
Monday	DnD	9-25	5	
Wednesday	Games	9-27	2	
Thursday	Baking	9-28	3	Chocolate mousse
Friday	Pizza and Games	9-29	6	
Monday	DnD	10-2	4	
Wednesday	Games	10-4	2	
Thursday	Baking	10-5	1	Energy Bars
Friday	Pizza	10-6	7	

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3. Teen Center Usage:

Month	Program	Days Used	Number of Students
September / October	Transition	Everyday	

4. Community Service:

- a. Relay for Life Meeting 10-9

5. Current Programming:

- a. DnD (looking for a new DM)
- b. Games
- c. Baking
- d. Pizza and games,craft or baking
- e. Open Gym

October 28th we are doing a potluck halloween party. Kids will get dressed in costume and bring their favorite to . dish share.

6. Possible Upcoming Program Ideas:

- a. Art class
- b. Family night
- c. Started once a month or every other month trips parent drop off and pick up
- D Tye Dying
- E. Lake Compounce/Haunted Graveyard
- F. Jewelry making

Coding and game night either every week for 6 weeks with Affinity Esport in Newtown

Odyssey of the minds Is a creative problem solving competition for students and community members of all ages.the compete on state level ,national and then world. Team of students select a problem and create a solution, then present the solution against other teams in the same age group.

Rules:

Student work in teams up to 7

Tea,s spend months/weeks working on this and creating

They get to choose 1 out of 6 problems. Design a vehicle,classical art,structure,performance just to name a few

Team comes up with the solution all by themselves. Coaches can not help, we can suggest and tell them where they can find the answer.

There are rules each team must follow and work as a team. They have 8 minutes to present to the judges,it will be scored and the best long term solution wins and moves on to the next advancement.

Teen Center Director Report on Monthly Finances

Date of Report:	September 12 - October 10 2023	Prepared by:	Claudia Fortunato, Teen Center Director
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1. Teen Center Income:

Date	Activity	Amount
Sept/Oct	Friday nights	154.00
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		\$154.00

Total

2. Teen Center Expenses:

Date	Activity	Amount
Pizza	Friday nights	\$ 225.00

Total

225.00