

MINUTES
ORANGE COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION
January 17, 2012

At a regular meeting of the Orange County Youth Commission held on Tuesday, January 17th, 2012 beginning at 7:00 p.m., in the Office on Youth, 146 Madison Road, Orange, Virginia. Present: Campbell McCord, Barry Pendleton, Margee McCord, Ruth Ann Paisley, and Alisha Vines.

Mr. Pendleton called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM with the above noted members present. Minutes from the October meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion from Mrs. McCord and a second from Mrs. Paisley and all in favor.

Discussion of current projects and programs:

Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act:

Mrs. Vines reported that the County is in the beginning stages of the budget process and the County has allotted \$17,529 for the Crime Control budget for Fiscal year 2013 for Child Specific Services. She will be working with Barbara Ferrier and Brianne Wilberger to assign figures to the different services in the new 2013/2014 plan.

Strengthening Families

The Office on Youth has been awarded a three year grant from the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth. This grant will also be for the Strengthening Families program, however, the new program is more of an intervention program versus the prevention program we have in place.

Coat Closet

The Child Care Advisory Committee requested at their December meeting that the Office on Youth check into if Orange County has a "Coat Closet" and if not, could we start one. There did not appear to be such a program in the County so the OoY has begun collecting gently used coats in the office and has notified the school guidance counselors that they are here and available. The Commission also suggested checking with the "Leo" Club to see if they are doing this type of project as well. WE might possibly be able to give them to the Leo's to disperse.

Youth Council

Campbell McCord provided the following update on the Youth Council:

1. The Council is still interested in helping spruce up the Memorial Garden at OCHS. We will continue to look into this project.
2. The Council will be holding a Jailbreak fundraiser for the Orange County Animal Shelter's Emergency Vet Fund on Friday, March 9th from 9:00 – 3:00. Volunteers are needed to be "Jailbirds".
3. The Council would like to hold a "Family Fun Day" in the spring. A sub-committee will be formed to begin the work on setting this up.
4. Council members will be helping with the Father-Daughter Dance on Saturday, February 18th at OCHS.
5. Legislative day is approaching but the date is to be determined.
6. The Office on Youth has Adopted a Highway and will be setting a clean-up day up for later in March.

Old Business

None at this time

New Business

There are 4 vacancies at this time on the Commission. Commission members Page, Sappington, and Hensley have each resigned and Commission member Lewis has asked to not be re-appointed. A suggestion was made by Supervisor Abbs to make all 10 seats At-Large in order to fill them a bit easier. A discussion was held on the suggestion and the Commission members decided they would like to leave the seats as they are to ensure each district has at least one representative on the Commission. Mrs. Vines will report their wish back to the Board of Supervisors.

A discussion was held on the activities leading up to the Prom. Mrs. Vines suggested a program that has been used in other localities in the United States and asked the Commission their opinions on moving forward with finding more information out on how to run the program. The Commission members agreed to look into the program for future use. Mrs. Vines also asked if there was a place where teens can go to find dresses for the prom for a small fee for those who cannot afford them. A discussion was held and the Commission instructed Mrs. Vines to check with Terry's Place as well as with Kathy Pullen with the Orange DSS View Program.

Mrs. Vines also reported to the Commission that she has reached out to the Mine Run Volunteer Fire Department as well as the Barboursville Volunteer Fire Department to partner up with them for "Teen Bingo Nights". Mine Run's representative seemed eager to work with the Office and Barboursville was going to talk to their State Bingo Representative to ensure there are no restrictions on their part.

Closed Session - Not needed at this time.

The next meeting of the Youth Commission will be Tuesday, February 21st, at 7:00 PM in the Office on Youth.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Submitted 02/21/12
Alisha Vines