

**MINUTES**  
**ORANGE COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION**  
**May 21, 2013**

At a regular meeting of the Orange County Youth Commission held on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 beginning at 7:00 p.m., in the Office on Youth, 146 Madison Road, Orange, Virginia. Present: Shirley Irving, Barry Pendleton, Ruth Ann Paisley, Catrina Ellinger, Margee McCord and Alisha Vines.

Mr. Pendleton called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM with the above noted members present. Minutes from the March meeting were tabled and will be approved at the July meeting.

**Discussion of current projects and programs:**

**Michael's Gift**

The Jailbreak 2013 event raised approximately \$5,500 to help specifically support the children who request funding assistance with summer 4-H camps. The proceeds will be split 68% / 32% between Orange County and Madison County as both participated with the fundraiser.

**Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act:**

Mrs. Vines reported the on the VJCCCA program with up-to-date numbers of participants. As of the May Commission meeting the OOY has had 39 referrals for Community Service with 42 successful completions, Thinking for a Change had 11 referrals with 4 successful completions, Child Specific Services had 9 referrals with 22 successful completions, and Substance Abuse treatment had 29 referrals with 21 successful completions. The numbers of completions may exceed the number of referrals due to youth carrying over from the previous fiscal year. A brief discussion followed.

**After Prom**

The annual After Prom celebration was held on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from midnight – 5:00 AM. The OOY staff went to the high school the week and a half prior to the event to pre-sell tickets. 2013 pre-sale tickets were 71 for 2013 compared to 47 in 2012. In addition, attendance was up to 99 for 2013 compared to 86 in 2012. The event went well and the kids were very well behaved. A brief discussion followed.

**Youth Council**

Mrs. Vines provided an update of the Youth Council events. A discussion was held on the Memorial Garden at OCHS. This has been a slow project but the Youth Council still wants to move forward with it. Work will continue on getting this project going. The Youth Council is winding down their year and will be working on some activities during the summer that the Office on Youth will be organizing for the youth.

### **Old Business**

Mrs. Vines informed the commission members of the “Arrive Alive” program held on May 16<sup>th</sup> at OCHS. The distracted driving simulator event went very well and both the OOY and the school would like to host it again in the future. In addition, the two entities will begin looking toward holding and “Every 15 Minutes” program for distracted driving in the future.

### **New Business**

The OOY will be working with Parks and Recreation and Tourism departments on an Independence Day celebration on Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. The event will be held at Booster Park and will include live music, food, and fireworks. The OOY and the Youth Council will be responsible for the “Kids Place” events. Possible activities will be carnival type games, inflatables, sale of glow necklaces after dark, etc. The hours of the event will be 3:00 PM to dark when the fireworks will begin.

Mrs. Vines informed the commission members that the OOY budget was passed as presented by the County Administrator. The OOY will have two part-time positions change to full-time as of July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mrs. Vines also informed the membership that the new county website will be going live at the end of the month. She requested the members to review it and provide feedback. The OOY is very excited for the change and believe it will be more user friendly for the citizens.

Lastly, a brief discussion was held o the 2013-2014 goals for the Office on Youth. Mrs. Vines informed the membership that she would like to begin focusing on the issue of Human Trafficking in addition to the other programs already in place. A brief discussion followed.

### **Membership**

At this time there are two members on the commission that cannot meet the requirements of the appointed member duties; however, they would like to remain involved and informed. A motion was made by Mrs. Paisley to make Mr. Dwane Pugh and Mr. Ray Lonick Ex-Officio members of the Commission with a second by Mr. Pendleton. All were in favor. Mrs. Vines stated she would inform the members of the change.

**Closed Session** - Not needed at this time.

The next meeting of the Youth Commission will be Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the Office on Youth.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Submitted 05/27/13  
Alisha Vines