

ORANGE COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION - MINUTES

May 20, 2014

At a regular meeting of the Orange County Youth Commission held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 beginning at 7:00 p.m., in the Office on Youth, 146 Madison Road, Orange, VA 22960. Present: Shirley Irving, Barry Pendleton, Margee McCord, Jennifer Moore, Ruth Anne Paisley, Emmet Aylor, and Alisha Vines.

Mrs. Irving called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. with the above noted members present. Minutes from the February meeting were read and approved.

RE: YOUTH COUNCIL

Emmet Aylor provided an update on the upcoming activities of the Youth Council. Events are listed below:

1. The Kids section of Playin' in the Park on July 5th
2. The Kids section of the Edible Fest on August 9th
3. Orange Street Festival September 6th

RE: OLD BUSINESS

A brief discussion was held on the status of the following current activities:

I. Strengthening Families

The last group of the year finished May 12th with a graduation ceremony. Mrs. Vines stated that she, along with Delegate Scott, was in attendance for the event. The families seemed to work well together. Upcoming trainings will be offered for both the current Strengthening Families Program as well as the previous 6-12 year old program.

II. Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act (VJCCCA)

Mrs. Vines stated that the 2015-2016 VJCCCA plan has been approved by the state. The total budget is \$23,909 for the year. This amount will help cover numerous services including community service, child specific evaluations, etc.

III. Michael's Gift

Mrs. Vines informed the commission members that the committee recently held a raffle and the winners were drawn earlier that evening at the end of the Michael's Gift Committee meeting by one of the youth council members. In addition, the fund is no longer frozen due to the funds raised. Requests will be taken again beginning in June.

The committee also discussed potential changes to the process and program itself. More information will be forthcoming.

IV. School Age Child Care

Mrs. Vines stated that although the Locust Grove site is operating a deficit, all three sites are breaking even as a whole. In addition, the Board of Supervisors approved for the program to be open over the summer and next school year to show stability of the program for parents. A discussion followed on the current needs to help the site break even.

V. CSA Audit

Mrs. Vines informed commission members that the final meeting was held May 6th. A copy of the report is available for anyone who is interested in reading it. The final copy includes our comments in response to the findings. While there are things we need to improve upon or update, the overall experience was a positive one.

VI. Breakfast Buddies

Currently there are four programs up and running at Gordon Barbour, Orange Elementary Unionville Elementary, and Locust Grove Primary. We will be reaching out to the local civic groups to try to increase awareness of the program and recruit volunteers.

VII. After Prom

The 2014 After Prom was a success this year. We had 92 pre-sale tickets this year compared to 71 in 2013, 134 total youth attended compared to 99 in 2013, and 85 youth stayed all night compared to 74 in 2013. We had great support from the community for this program again this year and the youth in attendance were very well-behaved. Everyone seemed to have a great time. The only concern moving forward is the recruitment of volunteers for the evening. A brief discussion followed.

VIII. School Supplies

The OUY will be working with Pastor Tom Savage from the Lake of the Woods Church to set up a county-wide donation drive as well as a county-wide distribution this year. Distribution week will be August 25 – 29 both at the Office on Youth and Lake of the Woods Church.

RE: NEW BUSINESS

RE: Playin' in the Park

This family event will be held Saturday, July 5th starting at 5:00 pm. It will run until dark when the fireworks will begin. Donations are being accepted at this time to help fund the event. The Youth Council will be helping with the kids section again this year as well as selling glow necklaces once it gets dark.

RE: Vacation time

Mrs. Vines informed the commission members that she will be on vacation the week of June 29 – July 3 for 4-H Camp as well as a possible week in August.

RE: MEMBERSHIP

None at this time

RE: CLOSED SESSION

No business for closed session at this time

RE: Adjournment

The next meeting of the Youth Commission will be held, if needed, July 15th starting at 7:00 pm. There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Alisha Vines – Office on Youth Director

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