

ORANGE COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION - MINUTES

MAY 17, 2016

At a regular meeting of the Orange County Youth Commission held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 beginning at 7:00 p.m., in the Office on Youth, 146 Madison Road, Orange, Virginia. Present: Victoria Kessler, Shirley Irving, Connie Hedgepeth, Stacy Burleson (via phone), and Alisha Vines.

Mrs. Vines called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with the above noted members present.

RE: READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes from the January meeting were tabled due to a lack of quorum.

RE: YOUTH COUNCIL

Ms. Kessler provided an end of the year update to the members present.

RE: OLD BUSINESS

RE: COMPLETED PROJECTS AND/OR PROGRAMS

RE: Volunteer Appreciation Reception

Mrs. Vines reported that the reception was held at the Orange Airport and went very well. Positive feedback had been received and the OOO will continue to recognize these treasured volunteers each year during volunteer appreciation week.

RE: Community Support

Doris Waugh, a resident at Dogwood Village, organized a yard sale to support Office on Youth programs. She reported that the OOO will be receiving a check for approximately \$640.00. In addition, The Inn at Willow Grove held a Dining for Dollars event for the OOO and we are waiting to hear what the amount will be. Proceeds from both fundraisers will be for various programs the OOO manages.

RE: CURRENT OR UPCOMING PROJECTS AND/OR PROGRAMS

RE: Project EXCEL & Breakfast Buddies

The programs are winding down for the year. We have seen growth in both programs and are very excited for next year. We will be advertising for a second Project EXCEL Coordinator for LGES/LGES as our current one oversees all four sites and will be going back to school in the fall. She would like to continue managing the UES/LES programs.

RE: Providing Safe and Stable Families (PSSF)

Mrs. Vines reported about the numerous programs offered to parents during this year's grant cycle. A brief discussion was held on future offerings and one suggestion was a teen parenting class. This will be relayed to the OOO Program Coordinator.

RE: Orange County School Age Child Care (OCSACC)

Mrs. Vines reports the sites are doing well and preparing for a fun-filled summer with lots of activities and field trips for the kids. We are also in the process of enrolling in the USDA/CACFP food program. If approved, this would allow the sites to collect reimbursements for nutritious snacks and meals. The funds collected would be used for meal and snack improvement purchases.

RE: Michael's Gift

The Michael's Gift Committee is planning several fundraisers for the year to help replenish spent funds. Activities include a raffle, selling watermelon slices at the County Fair, and possibly participating in the Christmas Bazaar at the train depot. More information to come.

RE: Playin' in the Park

This year's event will be Saturday, July 2nd with gates opening at 5:00 pm. Numerous activities will be available again this year including music, kid's events run by the Youth Council, Touch a Truck, food vendors, etc. A local Girls Scout troop will be handling parking and the night will conclude with fireworks at dark.

RE: NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Vines reported that a local business has donated 28 Kings Dominion tickets to the OOY to take children to the theme park on a day of our choosing during the 2016 season. The trip is tentatively scheduled for June 29th. A brief discussion followed.

Mrs. Vines also reported that the Planning Commission has invited the membership to their meeting on June 2nd at 6:00 pm. A brief discussion followed.

RE: MEMBERSHIP

Mrs. Vines informed the membership of current and upcoming vacancies:

- I. District I – vacant
- II. At-Large position – vacant

RE: CLOSED SESSION

Nothing at this time

RE: ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Youth Commission will be held July 19th, 2016 starting at 7:00 PM. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Alisha Vines – Office on Youth Director

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