

**ORANGE COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION - MINUTES**

**JANUARY 21, 2020**

At a regular meeting of the Orange County Youth Commission held on Tuesday, January 20, 2020 beginning at 7:00 p.m., in the Office on Youth, 146 Madison Road, Orange, Virginia. Present: Stacy Burleson, Zachary Beard, 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 July 2019 have been tabled.

RE: YOUTH COUNCIL  
Zachary Beard provided an update to the Commission members present on the activities scheduled and/or completed by the Youth Council.

RE: OLD BUSINESS

RE: SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE/DISTRIBUTION

Mrs. Vines provided an update on the most recent event for the 2019-2020 school year. 155 youth were provided school supplies compared to the 175 children in 2018 that were served. A brief discussion was held.

RE: BOOVIES IN THE PARK

Mrs. Vines stated the event in October went well and that the Youth Council was a great help in selling popcorn, candy, and drinks. The community members that attended seemed to enjoy themselves and it is an event we hope to continue to do in future years.

RE: YOUTH COMMISSION BY-LAWS

Mrs. Vines stated the Youth Council handed out balloons and candy again this year for the annual downtown trick-or-treating event. There were lots of participants again this year and everyone seemed to have fun.

RE: NEW BUSINESS

RE: CURRENT OR UPCOMING PROJECTS AND/OR PROGRAMS

RE: BREAKFAST BUDDIES & PROJECT EXCEL

Mrs. Vines discussed the stipends for the program coordinators. It is getting extremely hard to find sponsors that will donate to cover the costs. Recently, other funds have been used to help cover the costs. A brief discussion followed.

RE: VIRGINIA FOUNDATION FOR HEALTHY YOUTH (VFHY) PROGRAMS

Mrs. Vines provided an update on the current programs being utilized through this grant. She stated that it is getting harder and harder to have parents commit to the weekly sessions and complete the program. We are also having trouble in receiving referrals from the community and our partners. She also discussed the new grant submission that will focus on obesity prevention and what that will look like if awarded the grant.

RE: MICHAELS GIFT

An update was provided on Michael's Gift and the current funds available.

RE: CHILDREN'S SERVICES ACT

Mrs. Vines reported that the program ended the fiscal year over budget and that has a lot to do with the increase in cases from the previous year. A budget increase was requested based on the increase in cases and the fact that the program went over the allotted budget.

RE: VIRGINIA JUVENILE COMMUNITY CRIME CONTROL ACT (VJCCCA)

Mrs. Vines provided an update on the current programs and number of juveniles being served during this time period.

RE: ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE (OCSACC)

Mrs. Vines stated that they have updated the Child Care Resource Guide of licensed childcare providers and it is posted on the website. Additionally, the OOO Director would like to conduct a survey on the need for childcare again in the UES/LES district. More information will come on this project.

RE: PSSF GRANT – PARENTING CLASSES

A discussion was held on the classes the OOO has/will be holding to include 1, 2, 3 Magic, the annual college tours (VCU & Richard Bland), Hidden in Plain Sight, the Third Thursday Seminars, and the Fatherhood Grant. More information is to come on the Fatherhood Initiative program as we get instructors trained to provide the class.

RE: PRINCESS MEET AND GREET

This year's event will not take place. Office staff is looking at ways to revamp this event. More information to come.

RE: FATHER-DAUGHTER AND MOTHER-SON DANCES

The annual Father-Daughter Dance will be held Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> and the Mother-Son Dance will be held Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

RE: GARVIS HUFF OUTSTANDING YOUTH AND YOUTH ADVOCATE AWARDS

This event will be held on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at Orange County High School. A discussion was held on a possible guest speaker. It was suggested to ask Chris Haney. OOO staff will follow-up on this. We have refreshments covered for the event thanks to Mrs. Paisley and Mrs. Ann Riordan.

RE: CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION EFFORTS

Staff intends to recognize this national cause in April again this year with our large pinwheel garden as well as selling smaller gardens to local businesses and citizens as we have in the past. A discussion was held on other ways we could possibly help recognize this effort.

RE: AFTER-PROM

This year's event will be held the weekend of April 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> at Orange County High School. This year's theme will be carnival. Letters seeking donations will be going out shortly and planning has begun. A discussion was held on how to boost attendance as well as keep the kids at the event all night. One suggestion was to raffle a car off at the end of the night. This will be revisited.

RE: PLAYING IN THE PARK

This event is slated for July 2<sup>nd</sup> and more information will be coming.

RE: CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECK

The OOO Director is hoping to hold a local car seat check and is seeking other ideas to help promote this service. A discussion was held.

RE: EPIC (EPIDEMIC INTELLIGENCE COUNCIL)

Mrs. Vines reported the County website has been updated and members should visit it to check out the information shared.

RE: MEMBERSHIP

RE: BY-LAW DISCUSSION – COMMISSION MEMBERS

Another discussion was held on the membership of the Commission and the vacancies. Members were encouraged to read the By-laws and come to the next meeting with ideas and suggestions.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Youth Commission will be held May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 starting at 7:00 PM due to the Garvis Huff Awards scheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted  
Alisha Vines – Office on Youth Director  
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