

## ORANGE COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION - MINUTES

JANUARY 20, 2015

At a regular meeting of the Orange County Youth Commission held on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 beginning at 7:00 p.m., in the Office on Youth, 146 Madison Road, Orange, Virginia. Present: Shirley Irving, Barry Pendleton, Ruth Anne Paisley, and Alisha Vines.

Mrs. Irving called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. with the above noted members present.

RE: READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes from the September 16, and November 18, 2014 meeting were reviewed and tabled due to a lack of a quorum.

RE: YOUTH COUNCIL

Mrs. Vines, provided and update on the happenings of the group. Upcoming events include:

- I. Visiting the state legislature after the first of the year
- II. Assisting Michael's Gift with a Jailbreak fundraiser
- III. Attending the Garvis Huff Awards Ceremony in March
- IV. Holding a pancake breakfast fundraiser in April

RE: OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussions were held on the following completed projects/programs:

I. Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth

Mrs. Vines informed the membership that the office has received the VFHY grant to provide the Strengthening Families and Positive Action programs for the next three years as applied for in the fall of 2014. The Strengthening Families program is for youth ages 10-14 and the Positive Action program will be incorporated into the three Orange County School Age Child Care Programs operated by the Office on Youth. A brief discussion about the programs followed.

II. WalMart Donation

Mrs. Vines shared the Locust Grove WalMart donated a large number of items to the office. The donations included school supplies and summer clothing. The school supplies restocked our supply cabinet that can be accessed by school staff and citizens in need year-round. The clothing will be provided to those in need at the April 18<sup>th</sup> After Prom fundraiser, Lotapalooza, at Orange County High School. A brief discussion followed.

B. Discussions were held on the following current projects/programs:

I. Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act (VJCCCA)

Year-to-date, the OOO has had the following participation in the Orange County VJCCCA program:

- a. Community Service – 16 referrals, 32 placements and 17 successful releases
- b. Substance Abuse Assessments – 10 referrals and placements and 3 successful releases
- c. Substance Abuse Treatment – 2 referrals, 8 placements and 5 successful releases
- d. Child Specific Services – 10 referrals and placements and 5 successful releases

II. Michael's Gift

Mrs. Vines shared with the membership that the Michael's Gift Committee is focusing on building its membership and therefore the Womanless Beauty contest scheduled for February is

postponed. The Committee still plans to hold Jailbreak 2015 on March 6<sup>th</sup> and participants are still needed. A brief discussion followed.

III. Project EXCEL

Mrs. Vines informed the membership that she was getting close to being able to make an offer to the new coordinator for the program.

IV. Garvis Huff Awards Ceremony

The awards ceremony will be held March 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 PM in the Orange County High School auditorium. Nomination forms have been sent to all principals and guidance counselors at the middle and high school. They are also available on the OOO webpage. Contact has been made for art work and entertainment for the evening to every art and music teacher in the orange school system. A discussion was held on who the office could ask to be the motivational speaker at this year's event. Suggestions were given and Mrs. Vines will follow-up with those mentioned.

V. After Prom 2015

Mrs. Vines informed the membership that donation request were going out this week to community supporters. In addition, the office is planning a spring fundraiser on April 18<sup>th</sup> called "Lotapalooza" at Orange County High School. This event will be a street festival type event in order to help raise funds for this year's event. Save the Date stickers were placed on all of the donation request letters and the registration form has been placed on the OOO webpage. The office is accepting registrations for this event. A brief discussion followed.

RE: NEW BUSINESS  
Nothing at this time

RE: MEMBERSHIP

RE: Expiring Commission Terms

A discussion was held on expired terms and if any interest has been made to refill the vacant positions. Currently District II, District IV, and an At-Large seat are vacant. Mrs., Vines informed the membership that there has been a citizen interested in the At-Large seat and she will be making contact with that individual.

RE: CLOSED SESSION  
Nothing at this time

RE: ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Youth Commission will be held March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 starting at 7:00 PM. This is the evening of the Garvis Huff Awards and the membership is encouraged to attend. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Alisha Vines – Office on Youth Director  
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