

ORANGE COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION - MINUTES

JULY 15, 2014

At a regular meeting of the Orange County Youth Commission held on Tuesday, July 15, 2014, beginning at 7:00 p.m., in the Office on Youth, 146 Madison Road, Orange, Virginia. Present: Shirley Irving, Ann Riordan, Donna Merryman, and Alisha Vines.

RE: READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes from the May 20, 2014 were tabled until the September meeting.

RE: YOUTH COUNCIL

Nothing at this time

RE: OLD BUSINESS

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

I. Playin' in the Park

Mrs. Vines informed the membership that the event was a success again this year. There were estimated to be 5,000 people in attendance by the end of the night. The Kids Place was great and included games and inflatables. Next year's event will be on July 4th and so planning has already begun in order to secure our vendors.

II. Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act

The OOO has experienced an influx of young juveniles, ages 11-13, being referred for services. A brief discussion followed in regards to placement options and reasons the youth have been referred.

III. Michael's Gift

Members of the Committee sold sno-cones at the Playin' in the Park event raising approximately \$125. Between this fundraiser and the spring raffle, requests are being taken again for help in funding activities. In addition, Mrs. Vines reported that the committee has received word that there is an anonymous donor who is contributing \$10,000 to Michael's Gift this year.

IV. School Age Child Care

Mrs. Vines reports that attendance is remaining steady at all three sites this summer. We are already thinking ahead to the school year and a meeting will be held between the OOO Director and Justin Sarver, School Transportation Director to discuss the possibility of running a bus between the current LGPS site and the Unionville and Lightfoot Elementary Schools.

V. CSA Audit

The correction plan from the audit findings was completed and submitted on June 26th. The staff is waiting for a confirmation that the plan has been accepted. Staff has already begun working on the recommendations from the audit process.

VI. Breakfast Buddies / Project EXCEL

The OOO will be sending out letters by the end of the week to inform local churches, civic groups, and businesses the need for funding and volunteer support of the two programs. In addition, the OOO will begin advertising for a new Project EXCEL Coordinator for the Locust Grove program. Currently there are four Breakfast Buddy programs – Gordon Barbour Elementary, Orange Elementary, Unionville Elementary, and Locust Grove Primary Schools.

VII. School Supplies

The OOO is working with the Lake of the Woods Church to expand our donation and distribution program this year. Donation bins will be delivered to local businesses starting July 28th. In addition, Pastor Savage from the LOW Church has arranged for two buses for a "Stuff the Bus" campaign. One will be located at the LOW Wal-Mart and the other in the Orange Burger King parking lot. Distribution will be August 25 – 29 from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM at the Office on youth and 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM at the Lake of the Woods Church.

VIII. Human Trafficking Event

Mrs. Vines informed the membership that the office staff has begun working on putting together an informational evening program in regards to Human Trafficking. There will be a focus on trafficking in general; gang trafficking, and social media

IX. OOO / 4-H Family Camp

Mrs. Vines informed the membership that the OOO staff is partnering with the 4-H staff to hold a family camp in August. It will focus on life skills for both the kids and parents to include nutrition, money sense, and family bonding.

RE: NEW BUSINESS
Nothing at this time

RE: MEMBERSHIP

RE: Expiring Commission Terms

Mrs. Vines informed the membership that four terms were expiring at the end of September. Members this impacts are Shirley Irving, Margee McCord, Catrina Ellinger, and Ann Lawrence Grasty. Mrs. Vines stated that Mrs. Ellinger does not want to be reappointed and Mrs. Lawrence is no longer eligible as she has moved out of county. Mrs. Irving expressed that she would like to be reappointed and contact will be made with Mrs. McCord to determine her wishes.

RE: CLOSED SESSION
Nothing at this time

RE: ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the youth Commission will be held September 16th starting at 7:00 PM. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Alisha Vines – Office on Youth Director
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