

ORANGE COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION - MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

At a regular meeting of the Orange County Youth Commission held on Tuesday, September 16, 2014, beginning at 7:00 p.m., in the Office on Youth, 146 Madison Road, Orange, Virginia. Present: Shirley Irving, Ruth Ann Paisley, Donna Merryman, Barry Pendleton, Jennifer Moore, and Alisha Vines.

Mrs. Irving 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 May 20, 2014 and July 15, 2014 meeting were reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Mr. Pendleton, second by Mrs. Merryman, all were in favor.

RE: YOUTH COUNCIL

Mrs. Vines provided a brief update on the Youth Council upcoming activities. Officers were elected at the first meeting of the school year and the group discussed what projects they would like to be involved with during this school year.

RE: OLD BUSINESS

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

I. Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act

The OOO ended FY14 with 65 total youth participating in the Community Service Program completing a total of 1,112 hours in the community. In addition, 6 youth successfully completed the Thinking for a Change class, 19 youth were referred for specific programs anger management, psychological evaluations, etc.), and 30 youth participated in a substance abuse evaluation and/or treatment program.

II. Michael's Gift

Mrs. Vines reports a lot of requests coming for Michael's Gift assistance. The committee is planning several upcoming fundraisers for February, Womanless Beauty Contest, and the Jailbreak fundraiser in March. The fund did also receive a \$10,000 donation and the committee will be meeting soon to discuss what to do with the fund such as investing, etc.

III. School Age Child Care

Attendance has picked up at the Locust Grove site for the school year. In addition to receiving kids from the three Locust Grove schools, there is a bus transporting kids from Unionville and Lightfoot Elementary Schools. Participation at the Gordon Barbour and Orange Elementary sites is remaining steady.

IV. Breakfast Buddies / Project EXCEL

Both programs have been receiving donations to help offset the operating costs. Breakfast Buddies will be starting within the next couple of weeks at each location. A meeting will be scheduled with all four coordinators as well. Mrs. Vines asked the membership if anyone could remember who had previously made the program signs outside of the schools and Mr. Pendleton believed it was Todd Brown. Mrs. Vines will follow up in order to get prices and signs posted.

V. School Supplies

The OOO and the Lake of the Woods Church were able to help 265 children this year during the annual school supply distribution event. It was a great partnership and we plan to build on it for next year.

VI. OOY / 4-H Family Camp

Mrs. Vines informed the membership that the summer camp that had been planned was cancelled due to lack of registrations. The funds have been diverted to another parent education program that the OOO is partnering with the Extension Office and the school system for. In November, we will be offering a trip for Sophomores and Juniors, and a parent, to visit two Virginia colleges, Radford and Virginia Tech. The participants will be given the opportunity to tour the colleges and learn more about the application process.

VII. Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth

The Office on Youth staff is in the process of applying for the next round of grant offered by the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth. Staff will be diverting focus back to the 10-14 year old Strengthening Families Program as well as adding an additional program called Positive Action. The second program will be held once per week in each of the three child care sites.

RE: NEW BUSINESS
Nothing at this time

RE: MEMBERSHIP

RE: Expiring Commission Terms

A discussion was held on which terms were expiring at the end of September and if any interest has been made to refill the vacant positions. At the end of the month, the District II, District IV, and an At-Large seat will be vacant.

RE: CLOSED SESSION
Nothing at this time

RE: ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the youth Commission will be held November 18th starting at 7:00 PM. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Alisha Vines – Office on Youth Director
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