

ORANGE COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION - MINUTES

NOVEMBER 18, 2014

At a regular meeting of the Orange County Youth Commission held on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, beginning at 7:00 p.m., in the Office on Youth, 146 Madison Road, Orange, Virginia. Present: Shirley Irving, Barry Pendleton, Kendall Bayless, Ann Riordan, and Alisha Vines.

Mrs. Irving called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. with the above noted members present.

RE: READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

RE: YOUTH COUNCIL

Youth Council Chairman, Kendall Bayless, provided an update on the happenings of the group.

Upcoming events include:

- I. Adopting a family for Christmas
- II. Members attending the Legislative Dinner in December
- III. Visiting the state legislature after the first of the year
- IV. Assisting Michael's Gift with a Jailbreak fundraiser
- V. Attending the Garvis Huff Awards Ceremony in March
- VI. Holding a pancake breakfast fundraiser in April

RE: OLD BUSINESS

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

I. Social Media Night

The event was held on October 23rd at Dogwood Village. There were 24 parents and youth that attended and dinner and child care were provided. The OOO staff received a lot of good feedback and hopes to hold a similar event on the eastern end of Orange after the first of the year.

Along with the topic of social media awareness, Mrs. Vines informed the membership that the OOO will be holding an "Internet Chat Lingo" contest on their Facebook page during November. This event is designed to let parents know the different acronyms being used by people of all ages so they can be more aware of the lingo their children may be using.

Lastly, Mrs. Vines informed the membership that she will be attending the JuST Conference held by Shared Hope International in Washington, DC December 7th - 8th. This conference is focused on Human Trafficking Prevention.

II. 2014 College Trip

Mrs. Vines shared with the membership that the OOO teamed up with the Orange Extension Office to provide a College Tour Trip to Orange County students and parents. The trip was held November 4th and had 38 participants. The colleges toured were Virginia Tech and Radford University. The participants were also provided an informational session at Radford by staff and volunteers. OOO staff hopes to provide this trip again in the future as the feedback provided by students and parents stated that it was worth the time they took to participate.

III. Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth Grant Proposal

Mrs. Vines stated that the grant proposal was submitted on time and the OOO staff is currently waiting to hear of the results. The awards will be announced December 5th.

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

I. Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act (VJCCCA)

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

- a. Community Service – 21 active placements and 13 successful completions
- b. Substance Abuse Assessments – 7 active placements and 3 successful completions
- c. Substance Abuse Treatment – 5 active placements and 3 successful completions
- d. Child Specific Services – 10 active placements and 2 successful completions

II. Michael's Gift

Mrs. Vines shared with the membership that there have been lots of requests for funding assistance year-to-date. The committee plans to hold several fundraisers after the first of the year to include a Womanless Beauty Contest, a street festival type event, and a Jailbreak fundraiser on March 6th.

III. Project EXCEL

Applications for a new coordinator are being reviewed at this time and staff hopes to set up interviews in the next two weeks.

RE: NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Vines shared with the membership that the Locust Grove Wal-Mart recently donated a large number of items to the OOH. The items included school supplies and clothing. OOH staff will be traveling to pick up the items on November 20th.

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 January 20th, 2015 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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