

BARNSTABLE YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES

February 14, 2013

Commission Members Present: Elizabeth Ells, Colleen Morin, Samuel Spillane, Chris Bartley, Miranda Belanger, Sally-Ann Imes, Colleen Kadar, and Patti Machado.

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm.

Everyone signed in and introductions were made.

Chris Bartley motioned to accept the minutes and Colleen Morin seconded the minutes of the January 10th meeting as modified – (“**Elizabeth Ells** suggested that the Barnstable Youth Commissioners Expectations be valid for one year”), all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

A get well card was mailed to Anthony Beverly and Chris Farber. Chris Farber is looking forward to attending a spring BYC meeting and hopefully Family Fun Night on March 1st.

Sally-Ann Imes gave information to Elizabeth Ells for the interview with Olivia Fone for the Barnstable Now Youth TV Program. Sam Spillane and Sally-Ann Imes will meet with Mr. Clark to discuss the TV Program. Chris Bartley asked if his idea of “meet the Youth Center” is going to be used on the TV program. Elizabeth explained that it will be expanded to “meet the Town”. Patti Machado explained that Sara Beal will help videotape interviews at Family Fun Night.

Elizabeth Ells questioned, what is the bullying interview and when is the Youth Summit at Bridgewater State University? Sally-Ann Imes would like to bring a van with a minimum of 5 students to this event on Friday, May 3. Sally could pick up students at the high school at 8:45 am. The Summit would be from 10 am to 12 noon and students would be back for 2:00 pm release – this would be an excused absence for students. Sally would like to know who would be interested in attending. Patti Machado discussed the 10th Annual Youth Summit at Cape Cod Community College on Friday, March 15th, “Build Your Life on Cape Cod - Learn, Work, Live”. There will be 3 vans from the Recreation Division going, which can hold 27 people. Mr. Clark would possibly offer a bus so more can attend. Three workshops will be offered. The Recreation Division will be involved in the “How to Get a Job” workshop and will be doing a presentation on how to fill out an application and demonstrating an interview. Patti is open to having the BYC being involved in the presentation. Elizabeth Ells stated she would go to the Summit on the 15th at CC Community College, but not the one at Bridgewater State. Colleen Morin and Chris Bartley stated interest, as well. Sam Spillane would be interested in attending the Summit at Bridgewater and could report back to the Commission. The Youth Summits are an awesome opportunity, but there was some concern about missing school and AP Tests in May.

Elizabeth Ells stated that the rewrite of the BYC description flyer was pretty much done. Patti Machado took a new photo of the BYC for the brochure after Colleen Morin stated that was her only concern. Colleen Morin motioned to accept the draft, Chris Bartley seconded, all in favor.

The Family Fun Night Brochure is done and Sally-Ann Imes will bring copies of it to the agencies that are listed. Patti Machado made up a flyer and will run off copies so all students will receive one to help promote the event. There was some discussion regarding bands at the event.

Elizabeth Ells presented a draft of the "Barnstable Youth Commissioners Expectations". Everyone reviewed and discussion took place regarding specific changes as well as the title/positions of those on the BYC. Patti Machado has requested that some positions be changed. Mr. Hall would be the liaison to the Police Department and Ms. Kadar would be the liaison to the School Department. Colleen Morin motioned to accept the first draft with changes, Chris Bartley seconded, all in favor. Elizabeth will rewrite the draft with the suggested changes.

Chris Bartley will make an announcement regarding the 3/7/13 YES program. Patti Machado asked if there was a more effective way to make announcements, possibly through the Recreation Division's Facebook page. A suggestion was made to make announcements through the TGA representatives. Sam Spillane is a TGA representative and stated that meetings are not publicly posted nor are they held on specific dates. Elizabeth Ells, Sam Spillane, and Colleen Morin will meet with Mr. Clark.

In order to get more students to attend the YES program, Chris Bartley suggested only having the meetings once or twice a year and publicize it well. There was a discussion regarding the location and time of the YES Program in order to involve more students and to make it easier for them to attend. It was suggested that the YES Program be held at the High School or possibly make it part of the Health class. Patti Machado and Chris Bartley will meet with Mr. Clark regarding possibilities.

Colleen Kadar would like to see the Commission members send out thank you cards to those speakers who attend the YES meetings. Elizabeth will make a card for Lauren Titis of Independence House.

Colleen Morin motioned to adjourn, Sam seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Slezak, Recreation Division.