

NEWTON YOUTH COMMISSION Meeting

April 4, 2007 MINUTES
Location: Newton City Hall Cafeteria

Present: Joe DeVito (chair), Richard Dyer, Matt Green, Joanne Kazarian, Lisa Langone, Officer Jim O'Loughlin, Stephen Ross, Terance Sack, Robert Staulo

Students: Brandon Harris, Sarah Laski,

Regrets: Anthony Bibbo, Donna Gordon, Peter Harrington, Kipaya Kapiga, Kira Mascho, Stephanie Pelkowsky, Katie Sanders

Staff: Beverly Droz, Director, Human and Volunteer Services

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm and guests were welcomed.

Motion to approve minutes of February 7, 2007 was passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance in fiscal year account is \$965.46

We expect 1 more FCD bill for approx. \$360 for the NSHS seminar, which will then leave a balance of about \$600.

The revolving account balance is \$ 418.12

Matt asked if any other fundraising events are planned? Not yet; we'll discuss.

Freedom from Chemical Dependency:

- Freedom from Chemical Dependency was held at NNHS on 3/16/07. Brendon said it was good and that Glenn Hall is a good speaker. Jeanne White told Bev that there were four sessions and 800 students attended. Joe said the seminars are valuable and the Youth Commission will continue to sponsor them.

Internet Safety:

Joe spoke with Officer David Spirito and Detective Steve Fonatano and they are willing to do a presentation at any time. Joe spoke to the Brown Middle School PTO co-chair and they want to have a program at Brown. She will bring it to the PTO council. She asked if there was some program for the students. Joe said we could find out. We know Chris Fortunato runs such programs. There was discussion about how internet safety is presented and the many issues involved such as sexual exploitation, bullying threats and insults, drugs and alcohol.

Officer O'Loughlin said what kids post are then known by many other people. Colleges are checking sites like MySpace, its' a burgeoning problem.

5th Annual Youth Service Award Dinner:

Discussion took place about possible recipients and the timeline. Bev took down the list of suggestions and will also check with Donna Gordon. We'll decide on the recipient by the May meeting. We need to plan the June meeting and ceremony when both the recipient and the

majority of the student representatives can attend. Graduations occur the first part of June so we will not meet on June 6.

Other business:

Next month we'll discuss the summer sub-committee for planning the Autumn Invasion event in the fall

Bev reported that Kirsten Tuohy, a physical education teacher at NNHS, is interested in joining the Youth Commission and expects to attend the May meeting. Bev had outreached to NNHS.

Bev gave details of NewtonSERVES on April 29th and asked members to take registration brochures.

Youth Foundation Subcommittee:

Joe has a call into Alderman Vicki Danberg so the two of them can meet. We sent the letters from the State Ethic Commission and the Law Department to Peter Harrington for his review.

Richard reported from website research that there was a Newton Youth Foundation in 1971 which was revoked in 1981.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

The next meeting will be on May 2 at 7pm in the City Hall Cafeteria.