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Youth Services Commission Minutes (Special Meeting)
November 9th, 2021; Hayes on 1 Maple Street, East Haven CT; 7:00PM

Youth Service Commission Chairman Al Camera called meeting to order at 7:05pm –
Motioned by commissioner Chuck Licata, Seconded by Commissioner Kristy Porter

Agenda Item – Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Chuck Licata, Anthony Archangelo, Jessica Trickett, Kristy Porter, Anthony Perrotti, Al Camera, Heather Archambault

Commissioners Not Present: Kassidy Griffin

Non-Commissioners Present: CJ Cofrancesco (YSBC), Kenny Cox

Agenda Item - To consider and approve the May 12, 2021 minutes

Commissioner Porter made a motion to accept, seconded by Commissioner Trickett. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item – December Event

Commissioner Licata motioned to hold the event on Saturday December 11th from 2pm to 5pm at Hayes for middle school aged youth, seconded by Commissioner Archambault. Motion was unanimously passed. They would like to use the gym for cookies and coco as a social element for the event and then use a classroom or two for crafts. Commissioner Licata and YSBC CJ would inquire local organizations about donations for the event including but not limited to: Stop & Shop, Dunkin', One World Roasters, and Petonitos. Craft ideas included pipe cleaner candy canes, pipe cleaner reindeers, milk carton gingerbread houses, hobby lobby craft sets, and foam ball snowman, no idea was formally picked for the event. YSBC CJ will reach out to EHHS in an attempt to get high school volunteers as staffing for the event, as well as create a flyer for the event and contact both JMMS and EHA on how best to distribute the information and get sign-ups.

Agenda Item - Teen Commissioners Report

Commissioners Archangelo and Trickett reported that high school students seem to be very stressed. They would like to the commission to think about creating more social events and/or community service opportunities in hopes that these youth may be able to reduce the excess stress.

Agenda Item - To Act Upon Any Other Matter Brought Before the Commission

Commissioner Licata brought up the idea of having a game night in January and would like to table the discussion for the December meeting.

Commissioner Porter has heard that many students have been aggressive this year and that there have been fights in school, so she suggested looking into yoga/meditation programs that they could potentially offer to assist in reducing aggressive behavior.

Non-commissioner Kenny Cox brought information on a program called Horns for kids that provides instruments and teachers for kids interested in learning to play. The commission was interested in the program and decided to review the info. No official decision was made.

Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm was made by commissioner Porter, seconded by commissioner Archambault. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

CJ Cofrancesco