

Town of East Haven, CT.  
Youth Services Commission Minutes  
November 13, 2013; Teen Center, 200 Tyler Street, East Haven  
CT; 7:00PM

Chairperson Al Camera called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

Agenda Item-Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Al Camera, CJ Cofrancesco, Amanda Hopkins, Chuck Licata, Bianca Pappacoda, Adam Perrotti, Mary Varunes, Ed Wajdowicz

Commissioners Absent: Dominic Milano,

Non-Commissioners present: Bob Petrucelli, Kelly Smith.

Agenda Item-To consider and approve the October 9, 2013 minutes  
Commissioner Camera asked if there were any changes to the October 9, 2013 minutes. A Motion to accept the October 9, 2013 minutes was made by Commissioner Pappacoda, seconded by Commissioner Varunes. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item: Teen Center Program Update

a. Review Halloween Events:

Mr. Petrucelli updated the commissioners on the two events that were held at the teen center in October. The first event held on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students was outstanding. Mr. Petrucelli received a lot of positive feedback from students and parents. Approximately 100 students were in attendance for this event. The second event was held on the following night October 26, for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students only. Unfortunately, for a variety of reasons the attendance was extremely low. The Commission discussed potential ways of advertising for the next scheduled events.

b. Program Schedule-November 22, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, Dec 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Commissioner Perrotti would like to have a pie eating contest. Discussion around an entry fee for the contest could help to raise money for the pies. The student that eats the pie the quickest would win a gift card. Commissioner Hopkins would like to have a sign up sheet posted in

school to help with the number of pies that might be needed for this event. Commissioner Licata was thinking approximately (12) pies, offering it to first sign ups with a cut-off number of students. Commissioner Licata mentioned that he could possibly get the pies donated. Also Commissioner Licata thought that it would be nice to have a food drive/toy drive for the next couple of events. Commissioner Wajdowicz thought that each student that attends could bring a non-perishable item to the November 22<sup>nd</sup> event and receive a raffle ticket for every item donated to win a prize that would be raffled off at the end of night. This would help our local food bank and the residents for the upcoming holidays.

c. Program Update-

December 6<sup>th</sup> event would be 6<sup>th</sup> grade students only.  
December 20<sup>th</sup> event would open for discussion at the next commission meeting scheduled for December 11, 2013. The event schedule for December 20<sup>th</sup> would be a holiday themed event. With the possibility of opening it to all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Agenda Item: Teen Commissioners Report

None at this time.

Agenda Item: To consider and act upon any matter brought before the Commission

Mr. Petrucelli stated that public works delivered some couches to the Teen center. Commissioner Camera would like to send them a thank you from the commission. Commissioner Camera also wanted to say thank you everyone that took the time to clean up the teen center on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. was made by Commissioner Perrotti, Seconded by Commissioner Pappacoda, Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Smith  
Recording Secretary

