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Youth Service Commission Minutes

March 5th, 2024

East Haven Youth Service Bureau Coordinator (YSBC), Andrea Kenney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda Item- Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Anthony Arcangelo, Jessica Trickett ,Chuck Licata, Al Camera

Commissioners Not Present:

Heather Archambault, Nicole Burrell, Anthony Perrotti, Simone Saffo

Non-Commissioners Present: Andrea Kenney, Erica Withycombe-Clerk

Agenda Item- Review Minutes

Agenda Item- Past Events

Andrea Kenney started by talking about the teen center and how the event was and the turnout of 20 kids. She stated that there is an article coming out in the paper about the center and there will be pictures of all the different activities done. She stated that there was a middle school dance on the same night as the teen center event, Andrea said she will look at the other calendar events to make sure that does not happen again.

Agenda Item- Upcoming Events

Mrs. Kenney mentioned that it is budget season, and that this year the teen center is their own department and will have their own budget.

Mrs. Kenney updated the commissioners about the Yellow Jacket mentoring program that she is doing in collaboration with the High School. It has taken off a little this year but will mostly be put into place next year. She also mentioned that the teen center will be sponsoring events at the Hagaman Library in East Haven again. Events like Teen Topic where BH Care talks about a different topic a month which will happen on Fridays from 3-4.

Mrs. Kenney reported that she got a phone call from the High School PTO about bringing after prom back and that we will probably sponsor a portion of that.

It is Fall festival time. The teen center will sponsor inflatable tents through Mad Tents and will operate Friday night, all day Saturday and Saturday night, which are different hours than last year.

Mrs. Kenney discussed the beach movie nights and stated that there were 3 movies shown last year and they are hoping to do the same this year. She has secured the licensing in order to show the movies. Mrs. Kenney also shared that she has applied for and received a MPCA-Motion Picture Corporation of America license to show any movie at any time at the teen center.

Mrs. Kenney asked the commissioners if there were any questions. Commissioner Camera asked where everything is posted and how everyone stays up to date about upcoming events. Mrs. Kenney responded and said that everything is posted through the database directly on the recreational page, and is also posted on Facebook through East Haven Youth Services.

Mrs. Kenney also mentioned that JRB is up and actively running again.

Mrs. Kenney said that she wants to look into planning a trip, for example, to the trampoline park, or a baseball game, and that it will be free as long as we get it into the budget.

There are no dates picked for March yet but can possibly do 15th, 22nd or 28th even though it is a Thursday. We will also plan around April vacation.

Agenda Item- Commission

Mrs. Kenney stated that the commission itself needs to be revamped and that she is going to have a meeting to see what we can do and how to approach it.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m was made by Andrea Kenney, seconded by Commissioner Archangelo. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.