

Dartmouth Youth Commission
May 11, 2011
Minutes
6:30 PM in Room 118 Town Hall

Members Present: Gale Schultz, Dan Cook, Nicole Rabstejnek, Mike McHenry, Lorraine Gagne, Rozzy Glaser-Bernstein

Regrets: Debbie Brejcha

Budget Review: Dated 3/10/2011 and 4/29/2011

- Each approved as presented

Old Business:

- Kevin reported on progress of Youth Advocate's Office move.
 - a. Partition is framed up. Works is on weekends only.
 - b. Because we're having an inner office constructed, we will not use (or need) the bricked-area under the stairs.
 - c. Will have interior bathroom and snack/fridge room.
 - d. Had to pay for second "venting window" from our budget.
 - e. Equipment/items needed: Would like to find way to fund 4-5 laptops for client use, etc. Also need to scale down the size of couches, etc, to two smaller scale sectionals, with stackable/padded chairs in between.

Youth Advocate's Report:

- Update on groups/client summaries.
 - a. Groups running well and at full capacity. 15-17 girls in Girl Power Group, 8-10 in Teen Zone Group; Banana Splits Group will end for the year my month's end.
- DCTV program "Family Focus," update on activity.
 - a. Kevin reported that on average, two news shows are produced each month.
 - b. Show airs on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 PM.
- Computer upgrade report.
 - a. New pc running Windows 7 and Microsoft Office 2010 will be installed in the weeks ahead.
- **Areas of need:** Donations of snacks, juice, etc, needed.
 - a. Kevin stressed that donations of snacks and gift cards to Walmart are always appreciated.

Commissioner's Discussion:

- a. Commissioners discussed a desire to find a funding source to make 5-6 laptops available for client use while in the Youth Advocate's Office, to assist with homework, research, and group related projects.
- b. A "wish list" was generated, including how to explore funding for a wall-mounted flat screen TV for use in our new office space. More discussion to follow.

New Business:

- **Seeking adult volunteers to paint new office. Interested?**
- General update to Commissioners regarding progress/movement of collective bargaining.
- Select Board to consider application of Mr. Michael McHenry to the Youth Commission on Monday, May 9 at 6:30 PM.
- The Celia Lima Scholarship Fund will hold its annual fundraiser on Friday, May 13, 2011 at McGovern's On The Water in Fall River. 6:00 – 11:00 PM. Proceeds will be donated to the Dartmouth Youth Commission again this year.
- Annual Town Meeting date: June 7, 2011

Next Meeting date and Time: September 14, 2011 at 6:30 PM

Signed:

Gale Shultz, Youth Commission Chairman

Date