

Dartmouth Youth Commission
July 24, 2012, 6:30 PM
Minutes
Room 118 Town Hall

Members Present: Gale Shultz, Debbie Brejcha, Rozzy Glaser-Bernstein, Jamie, Jacquart, Dan Cook, Nicole Plante, Joanne Baucher

Regrets: Mike McHenry

Commissioners welcomed Joanne Baucher as the newest Youth Commission member.

Minutes of 6.18.12 were considered and approved.

Budget Review dated 7.23.12 was reviewed and approved by Commissioners.

Old Business:

- As decided at the June 18, 2012 meeting, Commissioners focused solely on discussing and reviewing the use of social media and Facebook in particular within the Youth Advocate's Office, with a focus on policies, sign-offs and concern for confidentiality, etc.
- Kevin presented for review the current Child and Adult Media Release Form that we have been using since 2009. Kevin reported that this form is completed by parents before photos are posted online in each of the three support groups that meet during the school year.
- Several Commissioners expressed concerns about Facebook, and that photos from group outings and activities not be placed on Kevin's personal Facebook account. Kevin explained that using Facebook made it easier for teens to enjoy the images, and that many parents have commented favorably on the photos as well. Kevin commented that we used to have a free-standing photo hosting account, but that was discontinued three years ago when the Youth Commission budget got reduced due to the funding crisis.
- After a period of discussion, Kevin suggested restarting a free-standing photo hosting account, and move photos off of Facebook and into this new account. Kevin recommended going with SmugMug, that for \$60 year provides a feature rich and flexible program that allows photo galleries to pass-code protected, etc. Commissioners approved this expense.
- Kevin requested that the Youth Commission return to our previous policy of appointing specific Commissioners to periodically review posted photo galleries on SmugMug, and to review the Youth Advocate's Facebook page that was set up by Nicole Plante earlier this summer. Commissioners approved, and appointed Jamie, Joanne and Nicole to review photos on SmugMug and to admin the Youth Advocate Facebook Page.

Youth Advocate's Report:

As requested at the Youth Commission meeting dated June 18, 2012, Commissioners sought a report from Kevin on the following:

- Status and cost/funding source for new sink: The counter unit to hold the double bowl stainless sink, and the sink, plus zero charge for installation was \$469, by Chet Baron. Plumbing installation and hookup was by Fred's Plumbing at \$352.20. Total cost of \$821.20 came from the regular Youth Commission Gift Account.
- Intended use of the Celia Lima Fund grant: The \$1,000, like previous donations from this donor, have been deposited in the regular Gift account.
- What are we using the Youth Commission Gift Account for? To cover expenses related to supplies and occasional equipment that are not covered within our regular Youth Commission operating budget. Commissioners asked if funds in our regular gift account are invested and earn interest. The answer is no. These funds are maintained with other funds under the care of the Town of Dartmouth, and are not part of available funds for disbursement by town officials. Only the Youth Commission has authority over these funds. The Alvin Glaser Memorial Trust Fund is invested, however, and control of those funds also rests solely with the Youth Commission. The Glaser Fund is maintained to assist families and persons in need directly (clothing, family emergency, and related use for example).

New Business:

As agreed at the last meeting on June 18, 2012, no new business was taken up..

Next Meeting: September 18, 2012 at 6:30 PM.