

Dartmouth Youth Commission
February 5, 2013, 6:30 PM
Minutes
Room 118 Town Hall

Members Present: Gale Schultz, Chairperson, Michael McHenry, Dan Cook, Jamie Jacquart and Kevin Lee, Youth Advocate

Regrets: Rozzy Glaser-Bernstein, Debbie Brejcha

The minutes of 9.18.12 were approved following discussion.

Considered and approved Budget Report dated 1.4.13 (Note: Does not include year-end donations)

Old Business:

- Review updated Media Release Form as requested at previous meeting. (Kevin forgot to include the updated draft in the packet, so it will be presented at our next meeting.)
- Appoint an additional Commissioner to join Jamie in review the Youth Commission photo Web site. (Since Joanne and Nicole are no longer with us.) After a period of discussion, Michael offered to also review the site. However, Commissioners also felt that all Youth Commissioners should review this too. Kevin will send each Commissioner a link so that they can review the photo albums as well.
- Appoint a Commissioner to occasionally review and initial receipts from Gift Account purchases. (Previously done by Nicole.) Jamie offered to do this, and reviewed slips to date at the meeting and initialed same. Commissioners also felt that all Commissioners should consider reviewing the donations received via gift cards, etc. Kevin agreed to send everyone the Google Drive link again.
- Commissioners expressed their joy that Dan Cook was still with us as a Commissioner.
- Discussion was held regarding exploring potential new appointees to the Youth Commission.

Youth Advocate's Report:

- Kevin offered a status report on current groups being offered.
- Kevin report on startup of new empowerment group for children called STARS. At present, enrollment is at twelve, which was the desired total amount. Kevin thought though that one child, citing a scheduling conflict with a theater commitment as a cast member, might not be able to continue.
- **At the end of their fundraising campaign, Cumberland Farms announced that they have raised a total of \$4,159.20.** After a period of discussion, Commissioners agreed that all of these donated funds from Cumberland Farms should be deposited in the Alvin Glaser Memorial Fund to assist families in need.
- Kevin discussed plans to finally begin an online monthly newsletter that will be made available to Dartmouth residents. (This plan was approved some three years ago, and shelved with the budget crisis at the time.) Commissioners discussed this proposal and noted the detailed implementation outline that Kevin had sent them. After a brief discussion, Commissioners unanimously approved this proposal.
- Commissioners reviewed donations, in the form of checks and gift cards that were received by local residents and organizations at the end of 2012. Several of the notes and cards were sent with their packets previously.

Commissioner's Discussion:

- Gale Schultz, as Chairperson, reported to Commissioners that she had recently reviewed the Youth Commission's online photo albums, and encouraged everyone else to do the same.
- Commissioners requested that an updated list of present Youth Commission members, that includes the usual contact information, should be sent to everyone. Kevin will send the list out to all.
- Jamie, citing the fact that Kevin would likely retire in a few years, wondered how his successor would know about the various nuances of the Youth Advocate's position, as in who Kevin collaborates with to assist families in need, etc. Kevin agreed to consider how best to document some of what he does and knows instinctively, so that it would benefit the next person in the position.
- Gale clarified for Kevin who some of the recent donors of gift cards were, ("Shell Seekers") so that Kevin could send them a thank you note.

New Business:

- Acknowledgment of resignation letter received by Joanne Boucher on 1.3.13. (Copy with packet at meeting.)

- Commissioners revisited their previous decision to thank former Commission member, Nicole Plante, by sending her an edible arrangement. Once Gale finds out the cost, she will ask fellow Commissioners to contribute to the cost of sending the arrangement.
- Commissioners agreed to “ask around” among some of their own contacts to explore who might be interested in serving on the Youth Commission.

The next meeting of the Youth Commission will be Tuesday, March 26, or Wednesday, March 27, depending on Rozzy’s availability, knowing that it is also the beginning of Passover.