

Dartmouth Youth Commission
September 23, 2014, 6:30 PM
Minutes
Room 118 Town Hall

Present: Gale Shultz, Rosalyn Glaser-Bernstein, Dan Cook, Jamie Jacquart, Renee Leite, Debra Brejcha

Regrets: (None)

Budget Report: Budget Report dated September 3, 2014 was reviewed, and following questions was approved.

Minutes: The Minutes of June 24, 2014 were approved as presented.

Old Business:

- We approved spending \$500 from the Gift Account for the parade at our June 2014 meeting. We owe Jennifer Lee Moura an additional amount of **\$63.94**, and need to consider approving that amount. Kevin Lee also had additional expenses amounting to **\$153.06** of float related expenses, which the Youth Commission needs to consider for approval. The total additional amount for consideration of approval is **\$217.00**. Because many of the supplies and purchases were left over, or, can be used again for group/client use, and that the banner now hangs for all to see on the wall outside of our office, Commissioners may want to consider taking the \$217.00 from our regular budget and not the Gift Account. After a period of discussion, the additional amount was approved and will be taken from the regular Gift Account. A Commissioner also requested copies of the slips that detailed the additional expenses for the float so that they could be reviewed. Kevin agreed to copy and send them (as pdf's) to all Commissioners.
- Unbeknown to us, Renee Leite's term expired on June 30, 2014, as she was appointed to fill the remaining term of Michael McHenry. Renee has submitted a letter for reinstatement, which will be done at the October 6, 2014 Select Board Meeting.

Youth Advocate's Report:

- Kevin reported that he felt our float in the Dartmouth 350 Anniversary Parade was enjoyed by many residents along the route. Thank you letters will be sent to Jen Moura for her artwork, to Dan Cook for the use of his equipment, and to Andrew Medeiros of Marvin Grain for allowing us to borrow hay bales for the float. Commissioners agreed that they, rather than the Youth Advocate, would write the above mentioned thank you notes. Gale will thank Jen Moura and Dan Cook, Dan will write a thank you note to Andrew Medeiros
- Teen Zone Group is and running as of Sept 8. Kate Braley has generously offered to continue as an adult assistant to the Teen Zone Group (her third year of doing so!) even on her day off from her regular job of working with teenaged girls.
- Kevin reported that the Girl Power Group will begin on October 1, and the STARS Program on October 7.
- Other Interns: Christa Theg, a senior at UMASS-Dartmouth, and Tiffany Sequeira, a second year student at BCC, will intern in our STARS and Girl Power Groups during the fall semester. (Christa also helped us with setting up the float as well.)
- Kevin offered a brief overview of client caseloads, etc.

Commissioner's Discussion:

- Youth Commissioners discussed the many highlights and joys of seeing the Youth Commission's float in the Dartmouth 350 Anniversary Parade, and reported on positive comments received by residents both during and in the days following the parade.
- A discussion was held about the possibility and practicality of encouraging people who have left over fruit from edible arrangements to donate remaining fruit to the Youth Advocate for client consumption.
- A discussion was held about the possibility of having a bottled water service in the Youth Advocate's Office. Kevin agreed to look in to it and report back.

New Business:

- Kevin presented a brief report on Town Hall Reorganization plans and passed out printed plans for the proposed project, which is subject to Funding by Town Meeting. Kevin noted that the plans thus far do not include any relocation of our present office area.
- Fall Town Meeting will be held October 21, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Dartmouth High School Auditorium.

Next Meeting: November 18, 2014 at 6:30 PM.