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Youth and Education Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 6:30 PM
Laura James, Youth and Education Committee Chairperson

The Youth and Education Committee met on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, both in-person at the district office and via Zoom Video Communications. The following Board Members attended the Youth and Education Committee meeting: Brigette Brantley, Cornell Brown, Ashonda Culcleasure (virtual), Frank Franz, Gail Irby, Laura James, Jonathan Jimenez, Magdamary Marcano, Reggie Powell, Gladys Sotomayor, Porscha Wilson and Annette Wright.

The Youth and Education Committee discussed the following information:

- **Informational presentation by Da People's Assembly on their Bronxgiving Event**

Da People's Assembly is grassroots non-profit organization dedicated to serving underserved communities in Harlem and the Bronx. They are deeply committed to social justice and community building, with a particular focus on supporting at-risk youth and families. They request assistance from Bronx Community Board 6 in identifying a suitable venue for Da People's Assembly's upcoming Bronxgiving event. This event is scheduled for November 22, 2025, from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. While Andrew Freeman Home at 1125 Grand Concourse was suggested, it is not within our district. District Manager Rafael Moure-Punnett will be contacting the Mary Mitchell Youth and Family Center to explore their availability as a potential host. Additionally, Da People's Assembly is seeking support in identifying local organizations that could donate hot meals, encouraging resident parent groups and local organizations to contribute toys, and helping to disseminate information about the event within the community.

- **Discussion on the 4th Annual Toy Giveaway and Holiday Party**

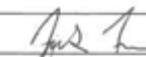
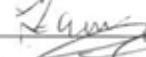
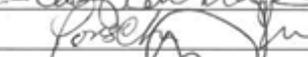
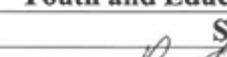
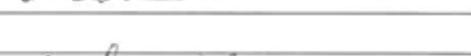
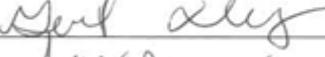
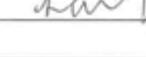
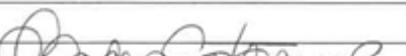
Committee Chairperson Laura James presented an overview of the event to the Youth and Education Committee, which aims to distribute 200 toys. She extends her sincere thanks to Board Member Maria Garcia for her generous donation of toys. She encourages all board members and community members to contribute, and an Amazon Wishlist, with direct delivery to the office, will be shared in the upcoming newsletter. Bronx River Garden has also pledged to donate books. Additionally, she is seeking a local choir to perform at the event and will be reaching out to Fordham Academy for the Arts and M.S. 45. She also plans to solicit food donations from businesses on East Tremont Avenue. Several organizations will table at the event, including The People's Money, Excellence Schools, Da People's Assembly, and Fordham Leadership Academy. Committee Chairperson Laura James is also seeking additional volunteers to assist, complementing the student volunteers already secured from Fordham Leadership Academy. She is also seeking volunteers from the board to assist with various tasks for the upcoming event. This includes help with toy wrapping, decorating the event space, setting up and breaking down, and providing support during the event itself. A motion to approve \$3,000 in funding for

the 4th Annual Community Holiday Party and Toy Giveaway was made by Reggie Powell, seconded by Frank Franz, and was unanimously adopted.

- Discussion on the Bronx River Art Center’s Fund Proposal**

The Bronx River Art Center (BRAC) requested \$5,000 in financial support to enhance local youth access to their art programs. Last year, the Board provided \$2,700 for scholarships, but this resulted in lower-than-anticipated participation. After discussion, the Youth and Education Committee proposes to approve \$2,700 in funding for BRAC, contingent upon the successful implementation of their new plan to utilize the funds. A motion to approve \$2,700 in funding for BRAC was made by Magdamary Marcano, seconded by Annette Wright, and unanimously adopted.

Housing and Land-Use and Youth and Education Committee
Tuesday, November 18th, 2025

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Jonathan Jimenez		<input type="checkbox"/>
Magdamary Marcano		<input type="checkbox"/>
Reggie Powell		<input type="checkbox"/>
Carol Robinson		<input type="checkbox"/>
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Youth and Education Committee		
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