

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MAY 22, 2013 AT RIVERDALE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE COMMUNITY CENTER, 5521 MOSHOLU AVENUE

Attendees

Lamont Parker
Rita Pochter Lowe
Tricia Mullen
Robert Press
Martha Gonzalez-Buitrago
Derwin Greene
Janis Quiles
Geronimo Ruiz
Kathy Gilson

Affiliation

Youth Chair
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Kingsbridge Public Library
Kingsbridge Heights Community Center
Marble Hill Community Center
Marble Hill Community Center
Riverdale Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 PM.

The minutes of April 24, 2013 was unanimously approved.

Chair Lamont Parker reported that the DYCD speaker for the 2nd budget report FY 2015 has been rescheduled for the June meeting.

The Youth Committee is in the process of selecting a suitable date (what are the dates being considered) to have the Van Cortlandt Golf Youth Day. Volunteers are needed. The Community Centers will be providing the children. There will be (how many) 1 hour sessions with 20 children per session.

The Youth Poetry SLAM event is scheduled for May 23, 2013 at the Kingsbridge Library 291 West 231st Street, Bronx, NY 10463, 6pm to 8pm. Many individuals have shown interest and the maximum amount of participants (16 children) have pre-registered.

The committee decided to host the 1st BXC8 Youth Job Fair on April 2014. The committee is still looking for an indoor location. The age group is 14 (with proper working papers) to 21. Martha Gonzalez-Buitrago added that the Public Library has jobs available for the children; however, the jobs are not at the Kingsbridge Library location. The committee will reach out to the Merchant Associations on the district as well as the Kingsbridge BID to request their participation and support of the job fair.

The Bronx Community Board 8 will award between \$2000 - \$2500 from the extra-budgetary funds to the Marble Hill and Kingsbridge Heights Community Centers. These funds will be used specifically to support the Youth markets. These Youth markets have been very successful for the past few years. The collaboration of Schervier Bon Secours and GrowNYC in continuing and setting up the urban farmers markets are of great need and demand in our community.

Martha Gonzalez-Buitrago discussed how Jerome Park and Kingsbridge libraries participate with GrowNYC. She reported that the Public Library needs support letters to fight a \$47 million City budget cut to all the Libraries. The Chair stated that he knows Mr. Bob Abbott the Library Chair is concerned and has reported on it.

Derwin Green (Kingsbridge Heights Community Center) stated that they are offering job training with job opportunities. They will offer a class on college essay writing and an 8 session SAT tutoring class please contact the Center for further information, cost and dates. In July, the Center is arranging a trip for 30 children to visit Manhattan College. In the future, they will visit Lehigh University in Pennsylvania and Yale in Connecticut. They are planning more trips to visit other colleges and universities in the Fall and Spring.

Geronimo Ruiz (Marble Hill Community Center) stated that they are waiting to be funded for the next fiscal year. There is a possibility of a new location by September 2013. He is worried that they may lose the OST (Out of School Term). This program is for PS 37 children to meet from Monday to Friday for 10 hours a week.

Kathy Gilson (Riverdale Community Center) stated that their funding was cut from 140 children to 94 children. Their OST (Out of School Term) program is a summer school program for incoming 5th graders and outgoing 8th graders and runs from Monday to Friday for the month of July. The program offers field trips to colleges, museums, and Central Park outings with opportunities for children to develop literacy and leadership. Their program currently has 72 registrants.

The Chair stated the procedure to attendees on Community Members Appointments. For anyone interested in becoming a community member of the Youth Committee a copy of the procedure is available upon request. This procedure must be followed every year on interest.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM.

Next broad meeting will be held on June 26, 2013 at 1:00 PM location COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8 office at 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100 Bronx, New York 10471-2194.

Submitted by,

Lamont Parker, Chair
Youth Committee